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Launch Strong Offensive at Threatened Point in Their Line	

ITALIAN ARMIES

London, May 17 .- Among the rugged peaks of the Asiago teau, east of the Brenta River, Plathe Italian front has again flamed up into violent action. The aggressive has been taken by the Italians, however, and the Austro-German forces, instead of launching their long-excted assault on the Italian lines. have been compelled to fight hard to maintain the positions where they have stood since last Novem-

The fighting seems to have centred on the comparatively short sec-tion of the battle-line between Monte Asalone and Monte Pertica. These two heights, about three miles apart, rise to an altitude of about 5,000 feet, while between them there is a sort of "saddle" on which the Teuton forces have taken up strong positions. Both the Vienna and Rome officials' statements tell of bitter fighting on this particular front, the latter stating that the Italian soldiers have entered Austrian trenches on Monte Asalone in two places.

The fact that the Italian armies have taken the initiative in the fighting would seem to indicate that they have sought to carry the fighting to the enemy in such a way as to break up any arrangements for the launching of a strong Teutonic assault

While the fighting has been flerce east of the Brenta, the whole Italian line from Lake Garda to the Piave and thence to the sea has been marked by patrol engagements, in which the British participated, and which appear to be iso-lated actions, but which may be component parts of a plan of cam-paign in that theatre of the war. Nowhere have the Italian lines been reached by attacking parties of Aus

NEWS NOTES

Rev. J. G. Miller, prominent member of Stratford Presbytery and pastor of 1st Presbyterian church . Mary's, has received a call to Brandon, Man. ****

At a public meeting at St Cathar-nies, addressed by M. D Tudhope, of Orillia, and Miss Constance Boulon, of Toronto, a branch of the Navy League was formed.

The U. S. Government has fixed standard price for cement.

Ineligible medical men across the border are to be organized into a volunteer corps.

Woodchucks are being exterminated on New York farms by means of dynamiting their burrows. *****

The U.S. Attorney General urges every citizen to be his own detective in a nation-wide traitor hunt.

- The Du-Pent Company has declar-ed a 2 per cent common stock divi-dend totalling \$1,777,084 in aid of the Red Cross.

A church for all creeds has been opened in Boston which will be patronized by priests preaching in 20 different tongues.

ave Young Aviators Make Up Cloud Patrol Fighting Against Huns *************

UDGING by his actions, on might have thought he was at home in an old-fachioned armchair rather than that he was poised above the German lines, with UIL two miles of thin air separating him from the ground, says Lieut. R. John son, in an article on "The Cloud Patrol." Below him were the lines brown and white ribbons, around which the ground was pitted with countless shell holes. He saw the re sult of hundreds of days' work in the untiring munition factories of both combatants-so many thousands o pounds dead loss to the world, as fa as practical purposes were concerned

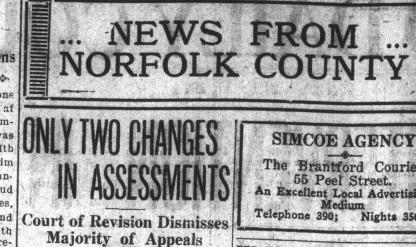
Here and there a cluster of shell holes, sometimes crowned by a crater of a mine, marked the scene of some terrific combat, a spot that never would be forgotten in history. Behind him, winding away from the scene of action and out of range of enemy guns, were the roads, on which a motley swarm of transports of all sizes and descriptions brought up necessaries to the trenches, and to the immediate reserves. Before him, on the German roads, little was to be seen, for the enemy was continually harassed by British aircraft. The British transport worked daily without any fear from the Germans, such was the advantage of the mastery of the air. Around the pilot, rising and fall-

ing, as if on the bosom of some vast restless sea, other machines were engaged on a like mission. They were of a similar type and came from the same squadron and aerodrome. Altogether there were six of them, holding together like a flight of duck in a sky of the palest blue. Crossing the lines always infused new life in-

to the pilot. There was something definite for which to work and there was the spur of ambition, a little personal, but above all for his country. Its inspiration gave him a margin of courage which might, in the future, prove fatal to some opponent, as it had done in the past.

Except for the six machines, the air was undisturbed. It was early, as the pale sky proclaimed, and no doubt the harassed German had reckoned on at least another hour's sleep. The sun was still drowsy, but it served its purpose. The visibility was good, except for the customary slight haze of dawn, which had not yet been dispelled. The pilot had been dreaming his ambitious dreams, and they had taken his attention momentarily from his work. The time for action had arrived, and he found he had lost position in the flight. He corrected himself in the formation by a series of turns, and prepared himself for serious work. He glanced along the sights of his machine gun, and at his bombs. All was in order as it was bound to be. Everything had been overhauled before the ma-chine started out on its perilous

mission. It would not be long before the enemy was upon them, for they had been hanging over a German aerodrome for the last ten minues, waiting to see if he had the courage to attack. For three hours they would hang over the lines, attacking and being attacked by the hostile air-



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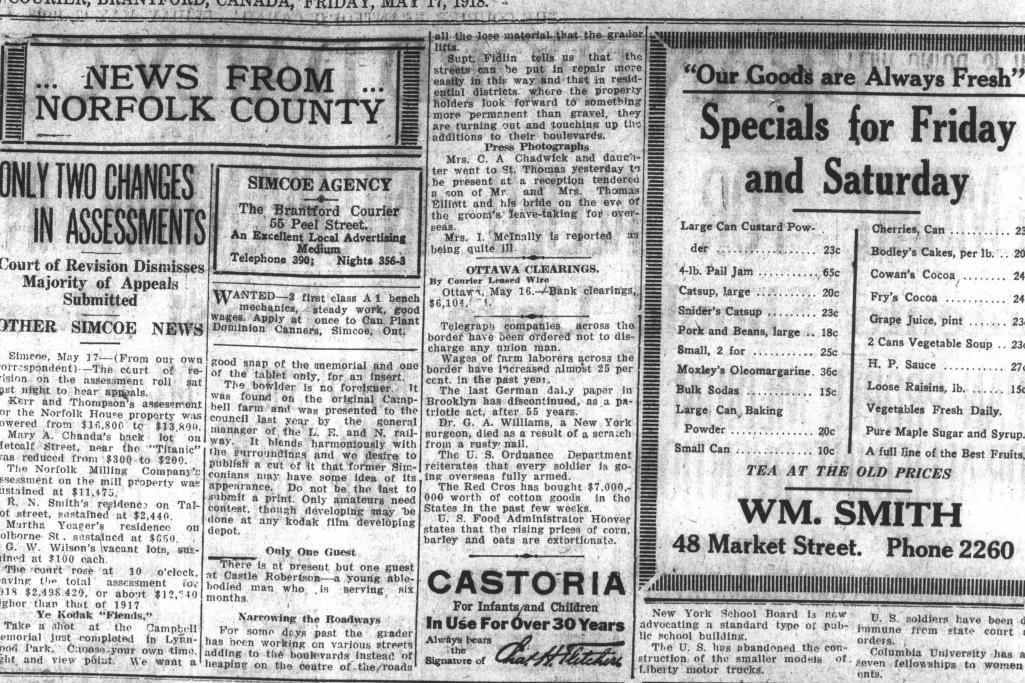
ained at \$100 each. The court rose at 10 o'clock, eaving the total assessment for 1918 \$2,498 429, or about \$12,340 ligher than that of 1917 Ye Kodak "Fiends."

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Columbia University has awarded of seven fellowships to women



Away down deep in the bosom of every normal man and woman is the desire to have something laid up for a rainy day-the "stocking" we sometimes speak of against the day of need. Whether measured by a savings fund, a bank account, or a Victory Bond, it is a comfortable feeling to have that Nest Egg laid away for the future. The Grafton Store offers money-saving opportunities not to be had elsewhere -we know we can help fill that rainy day socking. Nowhere in Brantford, quality considered, can goods be bought as low. Test it for yourself.

The District of Columbia contemplates standardizing rents by placing a fixed limit on the return on all kinds of real estate.

Two U. S. destroyers have been named after two U.S. sailors who have given their lives in action during the present war.

The board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church in the States reports that much "Americanization" work has been done amongst foreigners in the past year.

Dr. J. J. Billingsby, of the Ameri-can Red Cross, suggested that Wil-liam Randolph Hearst should be placed in a boat called the "Piffle," and sent as a gift to the kaiser.



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craft. The engine roared and the wires sang in the wind with a highpitched note. The pilot had been ris-ing too quickly and the machine gathered additional speed as he put it into a slight compensating decline. The enemy evidently did not intend to attack, and the British flight comto attack, and the British flight com-mander led the patrol well over the lines, until the brown of the shell-swept area passed behind. Smiling green fields, as yet unmarred by war, lay below them; how long they would remain so depended upon the rapidity of the British advance. At the pres-ent rate, perhaps in a few weeks, perhaps in a few days the fields be-

perhaps in a few days, the fields below would be seared by German trenches

The air-speed indicator quivered at 120 miles per hour when the pilot first became aware that other machines than his own squadron were in the air. Far above the flight, almost out of sight, hung three hostile machines, hesitating to attack. "Must be Germans," he thought, and he looked to the leader for the signal. Since the enemy had the advan-tage in height, the only thing to do was to await the dive, which would come sooner or later for a certainty. In a few minutes it came, and the pilot was not unprepared. The hostile planes dived like a flash, firing their machine guns. Like a flash they sped through the formation, earthward. They did not intend to fight to a

But the pilot did not wait for the leader. He dived before the hostile planes were through the formation and followed them down to where they had reckoned to be out of harm's way. They were unprepared for his flerce counter-attack, and, taken un-awares, one of their number fell slow-ly to earth in that spin, which ends shortly in a nose dive. The crippled machine crashed to earth in a field, like a stricken eagle. The pilot climb-ed to his formation and followed them linewards. Undisturbed, he con-tinued his musings. Idly he scratched. a mark beside three others on the framework. It was his record of

Out of His Misery.

Wilson (who has met his friend whom he hasn't seen for some time) Let me see, you knew poor old Jackson, didn't you? Johnson-Yes, I knew him well.

fame.

Wilson-Then you will be pleased to hear he is out of his misery at last. Johnson-You don't say so. Poor old fellow; but I always thought he would drop off suddenly. When aid he die? Wilson-Oh, he's not dead; it's his wife .--- Pearson's Weekly.

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