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## British Quickly Retake Part Of Ground Lost At Fresnoy

**Enemy Barely Retains Hold on Village Itself—French Win Near Craonne and Inflict Great Loss on Germans at Chemin Des Dames Plateau**

London, May 9.—Part of the ground lost in the vicinity of Fresnoy, on the Arras battlefield, was regained by the British last night, it is announced officially. British Headquarters in France, May 9, via London.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—Most of the ground lost by the British in the vicinity of Fresnoy has been regained. The Germans are barely holding Fresnoy village itself.

## FRENCH GAIN

Paris, May 9.—The French last night captured first line German trenches over a front of three-quarters of a mile northeast of Chevreux, near Craonne, the war office so announces. The French took 160 prisoners.

During the night the Germans made repeated counter-attacks in force against the French positions taken from them on the plateau of Chemin des Dames and the Calvaire plateau. Although the Germans were stopped by French artillery and machine gun fire, new assaulting waves resumed the effort several times, until the ground was strewn with German dead.

## CUBA IS QUIET; LIVES ARE SAFE

**Consul Issues Denial of Reported Outbreak—Rebel Leaders in Province of Oriente Have Surrendered—Government Compensation for Damages**

For the benefit of those who have relatives or friends in Cuba and who have been alarmed by reports of the continuation of the rebellion, Caesar Baran, Cuban consul at this port, this morning said:

"The statements of passengers arriving in New York from the Province of Oriente, Cuba, that the rebels are pillaging and burning properties and mistreating foreign subjects, I can say positively are false in every respect. I have before me a copy of a telegram from Colonel Varona, commanding the government troops in the Province of Oriente, stating that quiet prevails in that province, and that all rebel leaders and instigators of the rebellion have surrendered.

The reports to the contrary usually emanate from nervous people or from those with a desire for notoriety.

A few weeks ago the newspapers published a report that a passenger arriving in New York from Cuba had stated positively that he saw the American consul at Antilla killed by the government forces. The report was circulated, and conditions in the Province of Oriente were said to be very serious.

A man arriving at Key West a few days ago said that he was a member of the crew of a steamer sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Cienfuegos, Cuba. On investigation by the Cuban authorities the report proved to be false.

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## BYE LAW CASES

Several by-law matters were before the police magistrate this morning. William G. Dunn was fined \$10 for allowing his car to stand for an hour and ten minutes in German street on April 27. He was reported by Policeman Biddlecombe.

Dr. G. O. Baxter was reported by Policeman McEneaney for driving his car on May 1 without any number plate. Dr. Baxter said that he had permission from Commissioner McLean and Chief Simpson to drive the car without the plate as he had made application to the police for a new one.

John Secord and Bernard Clark were each fined \$10 for allowing their horses to stand in the public street without a foot strap.

The case of Dr. A. E. Baxter, reported by Policeman Biddlecombe for allowing his car to stand for almost two hours in King street was set over until next Friday.

George Lawson was fined \$10 for allowing his car to stand in German street longer than the law permits.

Prince William street was reported by John Secord and Bernard Clark were each fined \$10 for allowing their horses to stand in the public street without a foot strap.

Other names were called in court, including those of prominent citizens, but they failed to answer. The magistrate remarked that in cases where people were notified and did not appear the necessary steps would have to be taken.

Edward Webber was reported by Alexander Crawford for carrying on a business in King square without license, he not being a taxpayer. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$40 with a certificate from the court to the assessors that the fine was paid in the police court and probably the necessary arrangements could be made for this amount to go in for the license fee.

London, May 9.—In moving a vote of credit for £200,000,000 in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said that the figures were that they represented a total daily expenditure of £2,400,000.

Between April 1 and May 5 there was a daily advance of £2,000 to the allies and dominions.

ST. JOHN ARTILLERY HAS WON HONORS

A St. John officer with the artillery on the western front, in a recent letter, tells something of the severe fighting which he has experienced since Easter Sunday. He remarks that "these have been busy days, but glorious ones," and contrasts them with the days of two years ago when the possibility of breaking the German line seemed like a myth.

Our battery has made itself very famous in the last show. We advanced farther than any other battery on the first day and, in a Hun dugout we started to occupy, gathered in three prisoners. We were very lucky and were complimented by all the higher commands, who could hardly believe we had got so far."

London, May 9.—(Via Paris).—The minister of finance has advised newspaper publishers that Spanish paper manufacturers have informed him that their stock will be exhausted by the end of July and that the importing of raw materials is practically impossible. The minister has warned the publishers that they must make certain restrictions or the government will be obliged to intervene.

S. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Comforts Association is being held this afternoon in Centenary church parlors. Mrs. H. A. McKewen, first vice-president, is presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. George McAvilly. Reports of the various officers were to be read, including reports from the branches of the association which number thirty-three. Reports of the various committees were also to be read, including the report of the wool committee of which Mrs. Walter Holly is the convener; the tobacco committee, of which Mrs. D. B. Pidgeon is the convener and the packing and shipping committee, of which Mrs. H. McEllan is the convener. The association has sent 8,000 pairs of socks overseas to the boys in the trenches.

SURPRISE PARTY

On Monday evening young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bettie, 808 Princess street, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage. During the evening, on the behalf of those present, Sergeant Gleason, of the 27th Battalion, was called upon to make a few remarks, which he did in a very pleasing manner. At the close he presented a beautiful piece of cut glass to Mr. and Mrs. Bettie. The party broke up soon after midnight, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

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## IRISH BISHOPS

## UNITE IN HOME

## RULE MANIFESTO

## Catholic And Protestant Protest Against Partition

## AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE

## Archbishop Walsh Believes "Mischiefs Already Done And The Country Practically Sold"

## Offer of Sale of Public Houses

## London, May 9.—The morning papers display a manifesto issued in Ireland by eighteen Catholic bishops, three Protestant bishops and five clergymen of county councils, strongly protesting against the partition of Ireland and appealing to the people to sign a protest against such a step. The manifesto is declared to be unprecedented in that it is the first time that Irish prelates of the Roman and Protestant churches have combined for a political aim.

In some of the Dublin despatches it is contended that the manifesto has killed any idea of settling the Irish difficulty by the separation of Ulster. This view is disputed by other commentators who quote a striking letter sent to the newspapers by Dr. Walsh, the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin and one of the signatories to the manifesto. Archbishop Walsh says that some people might wonder why it was thought worth while to sign a manifesto against partition. He assures his readers that in the contrary the plan holds a place in today's practical politics and adds: "I think it is my duty to write this, although from information which has just reached me, I am fairly satisfied that the mischief is already done and the country practically sold."

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London, May 9.—The parliamentary correspondence of the Daily News says that Joseph Devlin, M.P. for Belfast on behalf of Irish interests has offered the government half the public houses in Ireland for £20,000,000. The offer would mean the closing of between 7,000 and 8,000 establishments and is favorably considered by Chief Secretary Duke, who will consult the government for two days.

London, May 9.—It is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen that the Russian minister, Nikolai Lenine, Russian radical socialist leader, has been missing for two days.

Lenine, an ex-patriate under the old Russian regime, was permitted to return to Germany from Switzerland after the revolution. He undertook a vigorous campaign at the head of a group of ultra radicals in favor of peace, and was so active that he caused some anxiety among those who supported the government in its determination to continue the war. Lenine, however, is no doubt that he will make a very competent commanding officer.

MUST CUT DOWN SIZE OF SPANISH NEWSPAPERS

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## Table Hints for War Time With Economy Watchword

London, April 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Maxims given wide distribution by the food economy department of the food ministry include the following:

"Rich people who make their dinner of lobster salad are good patriots. The rich man who eats neck of mutton and bread is not."

"The woman who wastes crust of bread, wastes a bullet."

"Eat slowly and you need eat less. Five people out of ten are digging their graves with their teeth."

"The dustbin swallows the food of millions."

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE HIDES STUPENDOUS WAR EVENT

At a meeting held last night after the bill was passed allowing automobiles to run seven days a week over a territory which had been previously opened to them, the Automobile Association and about eighty miles of road in other parts of the island. The government has the power of opening new territory, but makes as a condition that it must be asked for by petition from seventy-five per cent of the people living along the roads in question.

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