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ALLIED LEFT FLANK RETIRES BEFORE GREAT PRESSURE

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JOHN R. ROBERTSON,

OWNER OF TELEGRAM.

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FOUNDED BIG HOSPITAL

Gave Much of His Wealth for

Benefit of People-Patron

of Sport.

nis condition became worse yesterday

Great Loss by Fire in G. T. R. Hun Airmen Demolish Hospital Behind Haig's Line, Killing and Injuring Many Patients Sheds That May Be - American Hospital Has Narrow Escape. Hun Work.

With the British Army in France, May 31 .- Another big Word was received at the local offices of the Grand Trunk this afternoon that British hospital was bombed by German airmen early yesterday 19 carloads of cattle had been burned morning, and once more many medical workers and some pan a fire that swept through the cattle tients were killed or wounded. sheds at Niagara Falls, Ont., this mornng. The fire spread with such rapidity

The hospital caught fire after a large section of the building that the animals could not be reached. had been demolished by a bomb. A few women nurses were among Many were suffocated, but not burned, the slain, and their bodies, together with those of a considerable while others were burned to a crisp. number more of the personnel and patients, are buried in the known, it is presumed to be the work | ruins, according to the latest reports. of German agents. This opinion, held

SLAY WOUNDED IN

RAIN BOMBS AROUND HOSPITALS,
With the American Army in France, Thursday, May 30.—By the
Associated Press.—German airmen made a pretentious raid on the
area behind the American lines in Picardy last night. Bombs were dropped on all sides of one of the largest hospitals in a town many miles to the rear of the front. German and French wounded soldiers were carried to cellars and caves by American nurses and members of the American Pod Cross

of the American Red Cross.

Only a few persons were injured by tlying glass, as most of the Only a few persons were injured by rlying glass, as most of the windows in the hospital had been shattered by bombs dropped the previous night. Several private houses were wrecked, and a number of civilians, including several bables, were killed and injured.

In some instances the bombs fell within 30 and 40 feet of a hospital building but, fortunately, there were no direct hits. A French nurse, her mother and two little sisters were killed in a house a short distance from a hospital. Another nurse was standing on the upper floor of the hospital ministering to patients, when a piece of bombs struck her, piercing her lung. Five American nurses were in the same hospital. While the raid was in progress the nurses went about cheering the patients.

Three American ambulances were caught in the raid. The patients in one were all hurled out, but escaped with a few scratches. The second car apparently received the full force of the explosion, and was

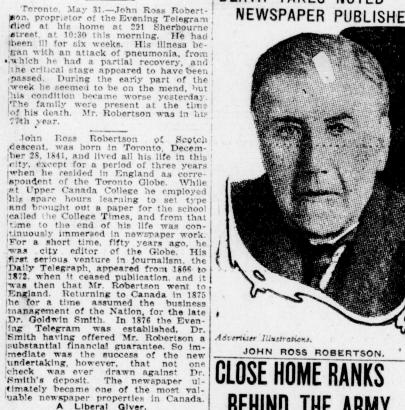
AMERICANS ROUT TANKS

With the American Army in France, May 30.—In one of the counter-attacks launched against Cantigny, the Germans tried to use tanks. The enemy infantry had no more than shown itself when the Ameri-can artillery opened a heavy fire. Both the foot soldiers and the tanks driven back in disorder. The new American positions in Cantigny are being improved constantly.

German airmen, flying at a great height, penetrated many miles to the rear of the American lines today. They were driven off by anti-aircraft guns and were unable to drop any bombs.

DEATH TAKES NOTED NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER

wrecked completely.



JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON.

BEHIND THE ARMY,

CLOSE HOME RANKS

May Casualties of British Are 166.802

Losses Have Been Running at Rate of 40,000 Per Week.

London, May 31 .- Casualties in the British ranks reported during th month of May reached a total of 166, 802. The losses were divisional for 166, 602. The losses were divided as follows:
Killed or Died of Wounds—Officers,
536; men, 20,518.
Wounded or Missing—Officers, 6,182;

British casualties reported week by week have recently been ru ning nea the 40,000 mark, evidently representing the losses sustained during the heavy fighting that started with the beginning of the German offensive in March. The total reported during April was only 52.475, as the lists apparently did not begin to reflect fully the effects of the casualties sustained in resisting the German thrusts in Picardy and ders until the beginning of May

SARNIA-PT. HURON FERRY GOES DOWN

Many Passengers Aboard, But All Made Escape.

IS HEARST'S APPEAL

London, May 31.—When the steamship Somali arrived at Gravesend yesterday from Bombay it was found that three members of the crew were suffering symptoms suggesting the bubonic plague. During the voyage several rats were killed by the storekeeper, and other dead rats were found in the storem. The ship is now moored off Gravesend. It will be disinfected and the rats destroyed.

Woodstock, May 31.—Charles Wilson, Oxford County failer, died suddenly this morning from heart failure. He was born in Woodstock 69 years ago, and had been jailer of the county for ten years. Until his appointment, he took an active part in municipal and provincial politics. He was a staunch Conservative, and at one time opposed unsuccessfully the late Sir Oliver Mowat in the Conservative interest for North Oxford legislative seat.



The kalser picked some violets on a blood-stained field near St. Quentin and sent them home to the kalserin.—New York Globe.

RETREAT ACROSS THE AISNE WAS A BRILLIANT FEAT

Correspondents emphasize that the retreat over the Alsne was a most brilliant feat of warfare, both as regards calm generalship and the courage of the troops. The ground was repeatedly fended to the last man. Officers were seen holding the bridges to the last moment, and then killed when they blew them up. The outstanding episode was the defence of Craonne by a British and a French colonial division against double the number of Germans, whose initial gas attack was followed by an attack of tanks en masse.

COMPLETELY CRUSH FRENCH ARMY OBJECT OF THE GERMAN THRUST

MANUFACTURERS WILL Govt. Appoints the FORCE AN ISSUE ON QUESTION OF TARIFF

Goaded Into Action by Prevalent Free Trade Talk.

Hamilton, May \$1.—The respective merits of protection and free trade are once more to be made an issue if an address delivered by S. R. Parsons, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, before the Hamilton Branch of the C. M. A. here is any criterion. Parsons intimated that, goaded Mr. Parsons intimated that, goaded by the free trade talk in the west and among the politicians at Ottawa, the manufacturers would make a big stand on the protection issue at their annual convention in Montreal within a few

SHEARST'S APPEAL
Lines Must Hold If Canada
Shall Remain Free.

Guelph, May 31.—"The western line, upon which your sons and mine fight, forms the only bulwark between Canada and the Huns," said Sir William Hearst in an eloquent patriotic speech weeks' time.
"The time has come for the manufacthe manufacturers must be protected in the interests of the country.

The whole matter will be threshed out at the annual convention of the C.

M. A. at Montreal, when it is expected that the industrial captains will

come out flat-footed in defence of the OXFORD'S JAILER DEAD

Charles Wilson Succumbs Suddenly to Heart Failure.

Thirtieth of June As Day of Prayers

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 31 .- June 30 has been named by the Government as a day of

SWEDEN RELEASES TONNAGE TO ALLIES

400.000 Tons Turned Over by Commercial Agreement.

U. S. and the Allies by Sweden under the terms of the commercial agreement

Moscow, May 29.—Strong revolutionary detachments of demobilized Russian soldiers and peasants, equipped with machine guns and artillery/ have risen in the district of Tschigerine, the Province of Kiev, in an attempt to seize governmental power. The Bolshevik Government has been asked to send troops to subdue the revolutionaries. German forces, while disarming Ukrainian troops today at Odessa, were fired upon. The Germans then arrested a number of the important personages in the Black Sea port and took them to the German army headquarters.

Peasant disorders are spreading throughout the Province of Podotia.

FOCH STRIKES BACK ON HIS RIGHT, GIVES ON THE LEFT: FOE GETS CLOSE TO MARNE

NOTHING SACRED TO BARBARIANS

Paris, May 30.—A shell from a German long-range gun struck a Paris church today. An official statement making this anouncement adds:

"The fact should be compared with Cardinal von Hartmann's request to the British Government that Cologne not be bombarded today—the Feast of Corpus Christi. This is another example of German bad faith. The least that could have been expected is that Germany would have had the same forbearance for Paris as was asked for Cologne."

THE WAR SITUATION

Keeping the tide of their advance in the centre flowing strongly, although seemingly less swiftly toward the Marne the Germans simultaneously have executed a stroke on the Allied left flank that has extended the battle tide westward and virtually linked up the present battlefield with that on the Somme. Attacked Along Allette.

The attack was delivered along the Sweeping forward in the salient that projected between the Somme and the Alsne battlefields, the Germans drove northwestward from the vicinity of Soissons, through Epagny and Blerancourt to the Oise River, apparently at its point of Junction with the Oise Canal, about eight miles east of Noyon.

NEARING The Noyon area was included within the field of the German offensive in March, when the French established new lines along the Oise and the Oise Canal to the east and southwest of that town after being driven back below St. Quentin. The German drive down the Oise Valley toward Parls was then St. Quentin. The German drive down the Oise Valley toward Parls was then checked. The present offensive move-ment here suggests the possibility of its

Baffled in their efforts to strike east-Amsterdam, May 31.—Political motives, including the defeat of the French army are responsible for the German thrust on the Alsne, according to a suggestion in the Rheinische Westae-lische Zeitung of Essen.

"We are on the right road," it says, with this attack, for all political considerations imperatively demand that we should show the French our strong arm. Well considered strategic plans were at the bottom of our blow at strong timent."

Amiens. We do not criticize them but political considerations cannot be ignored.

"Even if the British are expelled from the continent the war would not end, as they could land behind the Loire or entrench themselves on their own islands and continue the naval war. The French army must be given a good beating. That is a preliminary condition to any possible peace on the continent the region of Rheims the same is sallent in the Allied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces before the Alied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces befores strong enough to halt them entirely. In the centre, however, the enemy progress is slack-ening as the Allied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces befores strong enough to halt them entirely. In the centre, however, the enemy progress is slack-ening as the Allied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces befores strong enough to halt them entirely. In the centre, however, the enemy progress is slack-ening as the Allied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces befores strong enough to halt them entirely. In the centre, however, the enemy progress is slack-ening as the Allied line, the Germans are attempting to reach the with their heavy forces before the Alied line, the Marne with the Loire of the Alied line, the Marne with the Loire of the Marne with the Loire of the Alied line, the Marne with the Loire of the Alied line, the Marne with the Loire of the Alied line, t ward and westward from the new

Allette.

Paris and London view the situation

prayer and humiliation throughout the Dominion of Canada. The day is a Sunday.

CMITDEN DELETION.

Although the German sallent is about eighteen miles deep in the centre, Paris is not much nearer nor has the enemy advance yet affected the Allied lines eastward from Montdidier. In fact the eastward from Montdidier. In fact the Germans would be in a dangerous position should General Foch strike eastward along the Alsne from Solssons. This may be the purpose of the Allied strategy in holding strongly on the flanks as the Germans get deeper and deeper into the pocket toward the Marne.

Washington, May 31.—More than 400,000 tons of ships are released to the U. S. and the Allies by Sweden under machines.

Quiet Elsewhere. of the commercial agreement signed at Stockholm by representatives of the two governments, the state department was today notified.

DEMOBILIZED RUSSIAN

TROOPS START REVOLT

Gulet Elsewhere.

Elsewhere on the western front there has been little activity. The artillery fire has increased in Picardy, but infantry actions there and in Flanders have been limited to raids. West of Montdidler, the American troops still maintain their hold on Cantigny, despite German course, attacks Eligibles. TROOPS START REVOLT spite German counter attacks. Fighting continues around Cantigny and also on the Luneville and Toul sectors. In aerial fighting northwest of Toul one American aviator fell prisoner to the enemy. Two German machines were destroyed and another sent down out f control.

In Northern Italy there has been no moment. The

THE TONALE REGION

the German army headquarters.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES, Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 76; lowest, 58.

The official statement yesterday from Austro-Hungarian general headquarters reads:

"The battles in the Tonale region continue. In the Adamello region (Western Trentino), the enemy artillery fire also increased. Several enemy attacks against our positions south of the Present glacier were repulsed. An enemy attempt at reconnoitering operations across the Plave north of Dona failed."

Thillais, West of Rheims Recaptured By the Allied Troops, and German Attacks Near Soissons Break Down.

ONSLAUGHT FORCES RETIREMENT OF THE ALLIES ALONG AILETTE

Hindenburg Makes Some Slight Progress in His Centre -French Still Hold Positions in Outskirts of Soissons -Lively Gunfire Along Parts of the Flanders Front.

Paris, May 31 .- The Allied left flank on the Aisne front has been forced back by violent German attacks in the region of the Ailette River, it is announced officially. Near Soissons and further south, German attacks broke down, the French maintaining their positions

In the centre the Germans made a slight advance north of the Marne, Further east and also northwest and north of Rheims, all the German efforts were vain. The French, by a counter-attack. won back the town of Thillois, west of Rheims

Withdrawing before the German onslaught in the region of the Allette River, northwest of Solssons. Ailette, the French fell back on positions north of Blerancourt (nine miles southeast of Noyon) and Epagny (seven miles northwest of Soissons). The French are holding their positions along Alsne battlefields, the dermans drove the road between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, as well as in the

NEARING THE MARNE.

Paris. May 31, 5:45 a.m.—The Germans continued to push forward south of Fere-en-Tardenois, according to the latest advices reaching Paris, but neither Chateau Thierry nor Dormans has yet fallen into their hands. There is reason to hope that Chateau Thierry, the population of which has fled, will be saved.

Chateau Thierry is ten miles south of Fere-en-Tardenois. while Dormans is six miles south of Vezilly. Both towns are on new the River Marne.

COUNTER-ATTACK COMING.

Paris, May 31 .- The great reason for the confident feeling however, the enemy progress is slackening as the Allied reserves are being thrown into the battle.

Heavy fighting continues all along the salient from Solssons to Rheims.

Struggle as they will against the French defence on the west around Solssons the Cormans are unable to the confident regardless are strively of Allied reserves. Besides the mention in the official report of the beginning of intervention by these reserves, the Echo de Paris, in a dispatch from the front filed at 2 a.m. today, reports that the reserves are arriving on the battleground with artillery and auxiliary services. Their entrance into action the message is the arrival of Allied reserves. Besides the mention in the official and auxiliary services. Their entrance into action, the message

French defence on the west around Solssons the Germans are unable to gain. In the region of Rheims the same story is true as the British and French divisions there stand firm.

By penetrating to the Marne or southward from Fere-en-Tardenois, 7 miles north of the river, which they now hold, the Germans apparently hope to spread out eastward and westward, as they falled to do further north, and thus outflank the strong Allied positions at Solssons and at Rheims. French resistance in the centre, however, is growing in strength and the Germans are getting farther and farther away from their original base along the Allette.

Their entrance into action, the message reports, is being effected methodically, without any display of nervousness. Gen. Foch and Gen. Petain are working intimately to spread out eastward and westward, as they falled to do further north, and thus outflank the strong Allied positions at Solssons and at Rheims. French resistance in the centre, however, is growing in strength and the Germans are getting farther and farther away from their original base along the London, May 30.—Forty German divisions are engaged in the Aisne

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battle and forty more divisions are in reserve, says a dispatch from Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters. It is possible, the dispatch adds, that the enemy may strike another blow for Amiens or Dunkirk, but for the moment he appears to be throwing his entire strength into the conflict on the Aisne.

Pierce street fighting. h is added, attended the capture of Sois-is by the Germans. The city is reported to have been in flames Wednesday evening.

RAIDS IN FLANDERS

With the British Army in France, May 31 .- Infantry fighting along the British front in Flanders this morning still was confined to raids and outpost actions. There was intense activity among both services. and a tremendous amount of bombing was being carried out on eithe side of the battle lines. GOOD AMERICAN RAID.

With the American Army in France, May 81.—American forces northwest of Toul carried out a successful raid against the Germans lines late last night.

LIVELY GUNFIRE IN FLANDERS London, May 31 .- Activity of the German artillery in the Villers-

Bretonneux sector east of Amiens and in the Albert region to the north, is reported today by the war office. There has also been lively gunfrom the enemy line on the Flanders front, between Festubert and the Clarence River. The text of the statement reads:
RUSHED GERMAN POST.

"A party of our troops rushed a German post southeast of Arras during the night and captured a few prisoners. A few prisoners and a a machine gun were captured by us also in patrol encounters east of Ypres. The enemy raided one of our posts northeast of Robecq. A few of our men are missing.

"The hostile artillery was active in the Villers-Bretonneux and Albert sectors, and between Festubert and the Clarence River." RHEIMS MAY BE ABANDONED.

London, May 31 .- Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency .- In accordance with precedent established by previous offensives, the German advance yesterday slackened considerably on both the centre and wings. An encouraging feature as compared with the March drive is that slackening occurred after four days, but anxiety is not diminished. The abandonment of Rheims seems inevitable. The Germans are nearing the Marne and the Paris-Chalons Railway, which is the main communication between Paris and Verdun.

RACE AGAINST TIME The battle line represents a wedge driven into the Allied front with its point about twenty miles from the line of a week ago. The main factor in arresting the enemy rush has been the arrival of the Allied reserves, but it is recognized that the Allies have a difficult test, the reserves, but it is recognized that the Allies have a difficult test, the task of preventing a further development of the menacing enemy success. The battle, indeed, has developed into a race against time for

Only now details are arriving, showing the fearful strain and splendid heroism and comradeship in arms of the Anglo-French defenders, which saved the situation, and the inspiring confidence in the ultimate

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special notice. For the past twenty-five years his enthusiasm and liberality Continued on Page Three.

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A Liberal Giver.

Mr. Robertson was noted in many lines of activity outside of his life work as a journalist.

as a journalist. Three of these deserve