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Fire is Heavier
Near Morlancourt

Also North of Kemmel German Guns
Are Busier; French Carry Wood on
Avre Bank and Beat Off Counter-At-
tack

London, May 15.—The German artillery fire increased this morning near Morlancourt, south of Albert, and in Flanders, north of Kemmel, the war office reports. The statement follows:
"A raid attempted by the enemy last night north of Lens was repulsed. We carried out another successful raid northeast of Robecq (Flanders)."
"The hostile artillery was active during the night in valleys of the Somme and Ancre, north of Bethune, and in the Forest of Nieppe sector. This morning the enemy's artillery activity increased southwest of Morlancourt and north of Kemmel."

A FRENCH VICTORY.
Paris, May 15.—French troops last evening attacked German positions near Hallies, on the front below Amiens, and captured a wood on the west bank of the Avre River. The Germans made a counter-attack this morning and were beaten off with severe losses. During the night there was a violent bombardment north of Mont Didier and between Mont Didier and Noyon.

Another enemy effort south of Rollot (southeast of Mont Didier) which was made after a heavy bombardment, met with a complete check.
North of the Chemin des Dames the French repulsed a raiding enterprise directed against French small posts in the region of Lanouvelle.

Crisis Not Yet Passed.
New York, May 15.—Warning to the people of the United States against false optimism in the war, especially as regards the great battle in Flanders, was sounded by Earl Reading, British high commissioner to the United States, in addressing the New York City Bar Association last night. "The crisis is not passed," he said, "and it never will be until the victory is won."

SAYS GERMANS BELIEVE THEY CAN MAKE COAST
Troops From Roumania.
London, May 15.—Reports from Liege say that one cavalry division from Roumania has passed through Liege going westward and more troops from Roumania are expected on the Belgian front, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam. The correspondent adds that orders have been given for all other traffic on the railways to pass in order to allow these troops to pass.

It is probable that the cavalry referred to belongs to the German forces which were operating in Roumania and have been released through the signing of the peace treaty between Roumania and the Central Powers.

American Casualties.
Washington, May 15.—Today's casualty list contained 129 names, including killed in action, three; died of wounds, three; died of accident, one; died of disease, one; missing in action, 13; wounded, sixty-two; missing in action, thirty-nine.

WEDDING OF J. C. SALMON AND MISS WATERBURY
A wedding of interest is to take place in Centenary church this evening at 7 o'clock, when Rev. H. A. Goodwin will unite in marriage Miss Dorothy Ellen Waterbury, daughter of George H. Waterbury, and J. Charles Salmon, secretary-treasurer of the American Globe Laundry. The bride, who will be given away by her father, will be attired in georgette, and will wear a crown of orange blossoms, and will carry a shower bouquet of roses and daisies. She will be attended by Miss Dorothy S. Tennant, who will wear a very pretty dress of mauve and pink with picture hat to match. The groom will wear a dark suit and a white shirt with a high collar. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. H. A. Goodwin, at 7 o'clock. The bride and groom leave the church, which is artistically decorated for the occasion, they will be preceded by little Miss Besse Waterbury Benjamin, who will wear a dress of pale blue crepe de chene with white to match. The ushers will be Nigel Tennant and F. Bleske. Following the wedding a wedding repast will be served at the home of the bride's father, 225 King street east.

AMERICAN AIRPLANE CRASHES TO EARTH; THE MEN BOTH KILLED
With the American Air in France, May 14.—(By the Associated Press).—An American airplane crashed to earth two kilometers behind the American lines in the Toul sector late this afternoon, killing both the pilot and the observer. How the machine happened to drop is a mystery.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
A petition in behalf of the Calais Electric and Power Company, praying for a reduction in the rates and for the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission this morning by M. N. Cockburn, K.C. The commission will hold a public session in the town council chamber in St. Stephen on June 19 to consider the petition and hear argument.

HALIFAX MAN HEAD OF BOWDOIN COLLEGE
Brunswick, Maine, May 15.—Kenneth C. M. Sills was elected president of Bowdoin College last night. He was born in Halifax in 1879.

ARMENIANS MEAN TO RESIST THE TURKS.
London, May 15.—It is learned from Armenian sources that everywhere in the Caucasus the Armenians are organizing to resist the attempted advance of the Turkish troops eastward.

CONDITION STILL SERIOUS
Allen Bows, a longshoreman who fell down the hold of a steamer a few days ago and sustained injuries to his head, back and arms, is still in a serious condition according to a report from the General Public Hospital this afternoon.

Halifax Refers To St. John Reports And Makes Plea for Aid in Shipbuilding
Halifax, N. S., May 15.—Mayor Hawkins has sent the following message to Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting finance minister, and member for Halifax—
"Press reports indicate that generous government recognition has been given to steel shipbuilding at St. John. I am sure I am speaking for our citizens when I hope to hear soon that steel shipbuilding is also to be immediately started at Halifax. Is there anything we can do? Please telegraph me how matter stands."
No reply has as yet been received.

THE NORTH SEA
BARRIER IS UP

Admiralty Navigation Restrictions Effective Today
A VAST MINE FIELD

Approximately 22,000 Square Miles Covered—After Dark no Ship Will be Allowed in Forbidden Area

London, May 15.—The admiralty restriction on navigation in the northern part of the North Sea, in consequence of the laying of a great mine field for the purpose of foiling submarines, became operative today and hereafter all shipping in that area must comply with stringent regulations or ignore them at their own peril.

After darkness no ship will be allowed within the prescribed area, which lies between the coasts of Norway and Scotland, and any vessel finding itself there half an hour after sunset must anchor in accordance with the admiralty's directions. The regulations include strict rules affecting all except warships entering and leaving the ports of north-eastern Scotland, as well as the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

The vast barrier, which seems to have been estimated in extent in earlier reports, is now said to cover approximately 22,000 square miles.

Many details obviously cannot be divulged and some of those printed in a paper to be based on assumptions by non-official experts, but it is generally accepted that the barrier is designed to prevent the passage of U-boats and other enemy craft in the northern end of the North Sea, in the same manner as the barrier across the Straits of Dover already effectively blocks their access to the Channel. It is remarked that to exclude submarines the mines must have been laid at an unusual depth to cover the limit of the average submarine's diving capacity.

The forbidden area necessarily leaves a gap on each side—the German forces which were operating in Roumania and have been released through the signing of the peace treaty between Roumania and the Central Powers.

MARKET OPENING STRONG; RAILROADS AGAIN PROMINENT
New York, May 15.—Railroad shares were again the foremost features at the strong opening of today's stock market, in several noteworthy instances supplementing yesterday's gains. Secondary rails, including Erie, Rock Island, New Haven, Missouri, Missouri Pacific, Kansas City Southern, and Great Northern, were among the strongest. Steel gained only a fraction, but Bethlehem, Crucible, and local utilities recorded gains of 1 to 3 points. Liberty bonds were firmer.

CORN AND OATS
Chicago, May 15.—Available reports for planting led to decided setbacks today in the value of corn. Reports suggesting that a reduction would be shown in the seeded acreage of the principal states and that planting was at present a little behind normal failed to act as an offset. About the only demand came from shorts. Opening prices, which ranged from 30 1/2 to 1 1/2 cents lower, with May \$1.27 3/4, and July, \$1.42 1/8 to \$1.48 7/8, were followed by a material further decline. In other words, oats synthesized with the weakness of corn. Excellent crop conditions gave an impetus to the bear. After opening unchanged to 7-8 cent lower, the market continued to recede.

MUST BE GERMAN MINES.
London, May 15.—The admiralty announces, with respect to reports that vessels have been sunk by mines in the Celtic and in the neighborhood of the Skaw, that no mines dangerous to merchant shipping have been laid by the British under the British notified areas, adding: "Any mines in those regions which are dangerous to merchant shipping must therefore, with her usual disregard for neutral interests, have been laid by Germany."

See Much In Meeting
Of Kaiser and Charles

Of Absorbing Interest In Britain
ROSTOV WON AND LOST BY GERMANS

In Occupation Only a Day—Means Control of Caucasus With Grain, Iron, Coal and Oil

Moscow, May 15.—(By the Associated Press).—Through the capture of Rostov-on-Don the Germans have gained control of the Caucasus, the grain districts in the Donetz Basin and the coal, iron and oil fields. Northern Russia is now cut off from the Caucasus, excepting for a single railway running through Tauris, in the southern part of the government of Saratov, which the Germans are now threatening.

Coupled with the fall of Sebastopol and the overthrow of the Ukraine Rada drove out the Germans. The Germans, of a Bourgeois government wholly under German domination, the capture of Rostov has created great uneasiness in Moscow and Petrograd.

Moscow, May 15.—(By the Associated Press).—Rostov, the largest city in the Don Cossack territory, was recaptured today by the Russian Soviet troops, who drove out the Germans. The Germans, who had held Rostov for only a day, are retreating.

The armistice on the Kura front has been extended to Voronezh and Don districts. Martial law has been declared in the districts of Rostov, and the Germans are to disarm the bands invading Russian territory despite the armistice.

BONAR LAW NOT WORRIED OVER MONEY
London, May 15.—(By the Associated Press).—During discussion of the Ottawa Agency, the House of Commons, Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said that the question of raising money in the near future had not caused him serious anxiety. The big loan floated in January of last year, for £2,000,000,000 while the war bonds started last October and the savings certificates had not been issued, he said, were not in the least dependent about getting the required money in this way, despite the question of raising money in the future. He was considering steps for the stimulation of this form of campaign.

BURIED TODAY.
The funeral of Mrs. Ann McCann took place this morning from the Mater Misericordiae Home. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Ida Hannah took place this afternoon from her late residence, Coldbrook. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly. Interment was made in Fernhill.

HARBOR APPRAISAL.
Colonel W. P. Anderson and A. Boyle of the marine and fisheries department, Ottawa, who arrived in the city yesterday to report on the city wharf property which would be taken over if the harbor were nationalized, spent this morning in West St. John examining the wharves. The city accounts will be prepared by the city engineer, and the amount of property invested in the property by the city.

Weather Report
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—Showers have occurred at a few places in the western provinces, chiefly near Edmonton, where a quarter of an inch of rain has fallen. Rain is now falling over Lake Superior.

The Iron Heel
Grinds Russians

Fearful Treatment Of People by Huns
WHOLE VILLAGES PLUNDERED

One Was Bomarded When Money Demanded Could Not Be Paid—People Flagged With Whips or Cut To Pieces With Swords

London, May 15.—According to Reuters' London, a Russian government wireless despatch received here yesterday reveals the full horror of the German atrocities in the occupied regions of White Russia. It says that trustworthy witnesses, who produced documentary evidence of the violence of the pogroms and of the tortures, executions and savage methods of dealing with the workhouses, as well as the plundering and burning of Russian villages by German detachments.

"In the Bonarka district," the despatch says, "entire villages have been set alight and plundered. In the village of Ulians, the German patrol extorted a contribution of several thousand rubles and when the peasants had paid part of it were persecuted and the village surrounded and plundered."

"In other villages, peasants, women and children were endeavored to escape from fires and were pursued by Ulians and cut to pieces with swords or flogged with whips. In one village an old Jew was first flogged and then hanged in the presence of all the villagers. Most savage acts were perpetrated in Jewish villages. All persons suspected of belonging to the Bolsheviks and those in military uniforms were immediately shot."

"A further group of facts concerns violence done by the White Guards, allies of the German authorities, to the Russian inhabitants of Finland, especially at Viborg. Even twelve-year-old children were shot. At Viborg one witness saw 200 corpses, mainly Russian officers and mere school boys. According to the newspaper reports, more than 400 persons were executed in two days."

DEBATE PEACE OFFER OF AUSTRIA TO FRANCE
Important Discussion Over it in the British House of Commons
London, May 15.—The Manchester Guardian says that the peace offer made to France last year by Austria, as revealed in the letters written by Emperor Charles to Prince Sixtus, will form the subject of a debate of the highest importance in the House of Commons tomorrow.

CLYDE TAKES RECORD IN RIVET DRIVING
London, May 15.—The Clyde has beaten the London riveting record, according to the Daily Mail. Thomas Devine, a former soldier, at the Dalmyards of William Beardmore & Co., has driven 4,422 rivets in the side of a ship in nine weeks. The London record, made last week by Robert Farrant, was 4,278 rivets in a tank in the same time.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT TO BE BURIED IN PARIS
Paris, May 15.—The body of James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, who died at Beaulieu yesterday, will be brought to Paris early next week in accordance with Mr. Bennett's desire, after expressed, that Paris be his last resting place.

HON. DR. BELAND IN ROTTERDAM
Ottawa, May 15.—Dr. Nadaou of Beauce Junction, brother-in-law of Hon. Dr. Beland, M. P., yesterday received from him a telegram saying that the former postmaster-general confirms earlier cablegrams announcing his arrival in Rotterdam.

AIRPLANE TO CARRY SOME MAIL FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON
New York, May 15.—Weather conditions were favorable here today for the inauguration of the first airplane mail service between New York and Washington. The plane due to start from Belmont Park on Long Island at 11:30 o'clock this morning, was to carry about 4,000 letters.

RUSSIAN ANARCHISTS IN PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.
New York, May 15.—The arrest of three alleged Russian anarchists, charged with being involved in a nation-wide conspiracy to "overthrow" the American government by the distribution of anarchistic propaganda, was announced here last night by Lieut. George Busby, head of the bomb and neutrality squad of the police department.

BOARD ON MATTER OF SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES.
London, May 15.—The government, according to the Daily News, partly as a result of representations by the Allies, particularly the United States and Italy, has decided to establish a board to coordinate supplies of every kind needed by the Allies.

To Be Made Embassies.
Rio Janeiro, May 15.—The proposal to elevate the British legation here and the Brazilian legation in London to embassies has been decided affirmatively. The mission will be headed for Buenos Aires on May 29, then go to Chile.

ST. JAMES' METHODIST CHURCH FREE OF DEBT.
Montreal, May 14.—St. James' Methodist church on next Monday evening will celebrate the last payment of the church debt of \$100,000 by burning the mortgage papers.

FISHING LICENSES
Ottawa, May 15.—During the fiscal year ended March 31, the fisheries branch of the naval service department issued 26,465 fishery licenses. In the east some 4,649 small fishermen were licensed, 736 oyster fishermen, 869 herring wharf privileges and 690 lobster cannery establishments and 700 salmon fishery stations.