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HOTTEST BATTLE OF WAR UNDER WAY

Desperate Resistance Offered by Germans to British Advance

|| War News Overshadows Once More German Internal Crisis

Germans Outclassed by Allied Forces in Artillery Warfare

British Fighting on the West Front Intensely Fierce Fresh Drive Launched by Haig's Forces Against the Wotan Line in DECTIVE

grad Demand Resignation of Foreign Min-

IS NOT IN SYMPATHY With View of Workmen and Soldiers, Reason Alleged

By Courier Leased Wire. Detachments of soldiers have gathered in front of the palace which is used as the headquarters of the proisional government carrying red vancing foe.

lags with inscriptions demanding The renew

was demanded by thousands of soldreets yesterday afternoon and last vening bearing banners inscribed. een smouldering for some time reach the outer world, but there is account of the belief that the min- little information as yet as to what er was not fully in sympathy with has transpired within the borders viewpoint of the workmen and of the German Empire during the ers. The present outbreak last week. The German chancellor foreign office to the allied na- before the reichstag and his hand the offeigh office to the affied nations to the effect that Russia would not slacken her effort in the common struggle against the Central Powers and would observe strictly her engagements with her allies. The en and soldiers declare that should have been consulted be

this communication was sent yesterday afternoon crowds gath d in groups in the public squares istening to the exhortations of im promptu orators. Workmen of ring the factories in the evening again At a meeting of the Council paraded the streets carrying red Soldiers' and Workmen's Dele gates, the formation of a coalition cabinet was favored. Later the exeutive committee of the council at ended a meeting of the council of

provisional government. There were also demonstration nt. M. Rodzianko, president o exhorted the people to continue the war until the attain ent of victory worthy of the Russ

London, May 4-A Petrograd des says that The Novaia Zhizn organ of the Social Democrat, other extreme newspapers. se criticize Foreign Secretar Milukoff's note to the allies, assert-Russia's determination to vig push the war against Ger The note will be discussed ening at an extraordinary gen-

's and soldiers' delegates. trograd, May 4 .- via London bility for the note to the allies. ising energetic co-operation in var against Germany. They say the government is supported by

Weather Bulletin

pance in the south Showers have oc and the Maritime

Forecasts.

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bloodiest and sternest battle of the to smash the famous Wotan line be ore its organization is completed Hindenburg line outflanked nd pierced in several places has to stop the forward surge of By Courier Leased Wire the British armies and the Wotan

ields north of Lens. Wotan Line southern extremity of the line, Gen ing, however, is more intense. eral Haig has formed a great hum-an nippers and is striving with all the power at his command to close the jaws of these nippers. Realizing the menace of the situation the Germans are fighting with a grim desperation which reckons no cost

in blood too high if it halts their ad-The renewed fury into which the great battle of Arras has flamed ha diverted the attention from the possibly more significant events which

began yesterday was a direct is once more reported to be about nnouncement made by to make a pronouncement on peace out annexations or indemnities, have presented an interpellation to the Chancellor in the reichstag demand ing that he clarify his position. The aims and internal reforms. junkers are still clamoring for the annexation of Belgium and all re-

The British have burst through the Oppy line and are fighting the bloodiest and sternest battle of the present offensive in a great effort.

Furious Midnight Battle Raged on Wide Front, Hinthe war by Russia. The Radical elements opposed to him appear to have been excited to action by the present offensive in a great effort.

Granten British have burst through the formers Wide Front, Hinthe war by Russia. The Radical elements opposed to him appear to have been excited to action by the provisional government's communi-**Losses Inflicted Upon Defending Teutons**

ance is Offered by the Hun to British Attacks

Bulletin, British Headquarters in France, via London, May 4.—10.36 p.m.—The Germans made desperate counter-attacks throughout the entire night against the posibarring the road to Douai, Cambrai and Germany's richest prize in France, the great coal and iron tions won by the British yesterday, but were everywhere repulsed.

All through the brilliant moonlit night and again to-day British soldiers were and was present at some of the recent fighting says that the morale of The Wotan line runs from Dro- fighting on a wide front, tenaciously holding the positions won yesterday in the face the Germans is still good, but they The Wotan line runs from Drocourt to Queant, a stretch of 15
miles running north and south
about five miles west of Douai and
Cambrai. Around Queant, the
southern extremity of the line, Gen

The latest reports from the battle front show that the Hindenburg line was ed and beaten on April 9 they show ed a better spirit and fought fierce. pierced both northwest and southeast of Bullecourt for long distances. The Germans by on April 23, so that on the whole bitterly defended these strong points and attempted several times to retake them but bad." once the British were in the deep trenches they held on.

The men fought so steadily that there was neither time for nor thought of shells, but are short of guns and for food. The battle fields were dry and dusty, however, and water bottles had to be replenished time and again whenever it was possible to do so.

To-day the sun is shining again with genial spring warmth. It was one of marched the on and last sinceribed as far as to inform Germany once more to resome time reach the outer world be reach th

Bulletin, London, May 4.—The British last night made progress northwest of is higher than in the German, but St. Quentin and northeast of Hargicourt, capturing Malakoff Farm, the war office an-

On the Arras front the British have maintained their hold on Fresnoy and all the positions captured in yesterday's drive.

The British were compelled to fall back from the advanced positions captured yesterday in the neighborhood of Cherisy and astride the Arras-Cambrai road, the

ports indicate that the Government Russia of the attitude of elements fairs, his resignation being demand-this summer by the government. Fifty pfennigs daily will be paid for must very shortly take a definite among the soldiers and workmen stand both on the question of war towards the provisional government. Professor Milukoff is considered each child except in East Prussia, Russian Troubles Disquieting reports come

Demonstrations are occurring in the one of the strongest men in the new where the farmers who suffered from streets of Petrograd against Paul N. regime, a true friend of the Entente the Russian invasion, have refused from: Milukoff, the Minister of foreign at- cause as a whole and thoroughly in any pay.

cation to the allied governments mitted the government to continuamade public yesterday, which comof effort. They declare they should have been consulted in the matter.

Artillery Superior London, May 4—The military cor visited the Somme and Arras fronts

make up the leeway. He says that the German artillery was overwhel med by the British on April 9 and He says that the general level of efficiency in the Britnsh air service that the latter contains good stapilots and fast fighters. He con-

'When we relax our efforts at home the Germans will beat us and this refers not only to aviation."

FOE FARM WORK Berlin, via Londan, May 4.—It is officially announced that 1,000,00

Hindenburg No Longer All Popular in Germany; Denounced by Laborers

IDOL OF IMPERIALS

Commander in Chief is Styled and Sincerity of His **Appeal Scouted**

REVOLTS TOOK PLACE In Berlin Last Week; Put Down by Gun Fire

Berne, via Paris, May 4 .-- As inolutionary party exists in Germany ian tactics and on the other hand that at present it is not making reproduces a circular which was ecretly distributed among milli denburg's appeal to them not to strike as "the lying message of the idol of the imperials.

The circular says the newspaper which naturally was suppressed by the authorities is couched throughout in violent language. It declares duction in the quantity of bread issince there are not sufficient cattle in Germany and extra potatoes can be given only by drawing upon the ine next winter.

The only solution of the labor problem, the circular continues: peace desired by the government which is spoiling for the acquisition of territory and which is guided only by the interests of militarism, imperialism, junkers and capitalists." The circular calls upon workers to ise by the millions on the first of May. It concludes by saying: "Down with the war!"

"Down with the government!" The Tagwacht also reproduces a horter, but equally virulent circular which it says also was suppressed. t asserts that it prints both these locuments to show the current reeling in Germany, but sadly admits that this feeling as yet has not been very effective since strikes did not

May Day Troubles Copenhagen, via London, May 4 .-is far as can be learned from the German newspapers, which now have eached here, the reports of the failire of the May Day strike movement in Germany were correct in the main. The papers indicate, however, The losses were said to be only servatives in the Reichstag have of- places. One report declares that 'almost in general' and that strikes took place only in the individual

smaller factories. kept the workmen at their tasks. The reasons for the embargo on newsreading, and the papers do not conexceptional character.

Serious Revolts.

Amsterdam, May -via London-The Maasbode of Maestricht says hat serious revolts occurred in Berlin last week. According to the paper the mob became so menacing . The story is not confirmed from

COAST CITIES OF U.S. NOT TO UNHATCHED BE DARKENED **CHICKENS**

Annexation of Belgium Al-

ready Accomplished, Says Diplomat

LASTING WAR MENACE By Courier Leased Wire. If Country Should Remain

Semi Sovereign State

Amsterdam, via London, May 4-A Berlin despatch says that during in the Reichstag main committee. the spokesman of the progressive complished fact and discussion con-ment's statement; cerning it was undesirable. He de-

erious danger. The minister of interior paid a Bissing, late governor-general of cerned, have no basis in fact." Belgium, which, he said, would be very little change continued energetically, the adminin pressure dissistration being conducted in close ribution since touch with the council of Flanders plans have been completed for sendexcept and making good progress. A joint ing United States army base hosthat the distur- resolution of all sections demanded pitals to the fighting front in France. that prompt measures be taken for the immediate repatriation of Bel-

> NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. By Courier Leased Wire.

Rio De Janiero, May 4.—Dr. 1.

BATTLE ON

War Department Reiterates Statement in Answer to Queries of Scarpe

Washington, May 4.—The war de- | FIRING | CONTINUES partment reiterated to-day previous contemplation for the darkening at night of exposed towns along the

Atlantic coast. Many inquiries have been receivdiscussion of the Belgian question ed arising from reports that the sith Reichstag main committee darising from reports that the without intermission on the Arras ter than expected and the losses lights of Atlantic City and other battle field, and frequent bursts of smaller. party declared that the annexation of coast resorts would be extinguished machine gun and rifle fire told of

gium as a semi-sovereign state would mean a lasting war menace, customary illumination of the seaexecutive committee of the and that complete restoration of side resorts during the coming sumpre-war conditions would involve mer would be prohibited. Such reat several points. ports are purely speculative, and so tribute to the work of General von far as the war department is con- the British pushed forward, over-

Base Hospitals Washington, May 4.—Definite

The number of the units, the time ily deported to the north of France. their transportation and their exact but the British have a series of posts astride the ground east of the larger than the first support either of these interpellations. sons, be disclosed. The sending of place. the American hospital units is in ac-

ARRAS FRONT STILL RAGES

Advance Made by British Forces Upon South Bank

statements that no plan was under British Surround Foe at Rioux Chemical Works By Courier Leased Wire.

> various parts of the front of the British offensive. Reuter's corre-

> On the south bank of the Scarpe,

NOT TAKING ANY

BRITISH IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULE

Offensive on West Front Two Weeks Sooner Than Was Expected

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, May 4.-The British forces on the western front are two UNEASINESS CAUSED take place May 1. weeks ahead of their attacking schedule, according to a cablegram received here to-day by Secretary Balfour, from the foreign office. The London, May 4.—Throughout the advance, it said, has been much fas-By Courier Leased Wire.

rograd. May 4.—via London— Party declared that the annexation of verifice that beligium must be regarded as an action of the verifice places. One report declares that verifice proceeded verifice that verifice proceeded verifices and counter attacks along one half as large proportionately as ferred the following interpellation to work in the war factories proceeded those in the Somme offensive last Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. "Rumors have recently been cur-spondent at headquarters telegraphs year. This is attributed by members "The Socialist party demanding the official communication of last better artillery preparation, and the evening was issued. The British made small, but important progress fact that the men are not allowed among the German people owing to the assistance of Field Marshal von to outrun the guns. Fresh Loan

> ground. They have established them week was forecasted by officials here the life of the German people. Is the which has a dip of nine 000 is being spent at the rate of attitude on this question?" feet, and offers possibilities for of-fensive and defence. At Rioux, difensive and defence. At Rioux, di-rectly opposite this new position, and it is desired to complete the sec-introduced an interpellation requestthe Germans still remain in the ond loan before the British commisgian workmen who were compulsor- of their departure, the means of fiercely-contested chemical works, sion leaves Washington, and before icy toward the peace program of the

> > Plans for creating an allied cen-

SOCIALISTS OBJECT TO **ANNEXATION**

Demand Peace Without Insistence Upon This or Upon an Indemnity

Through German Empire by Silence of Von Hollweg

Amsterdam, via London, May 4-A Berlin despatch says that the Con-

a lack of a clear pronouncement by Hindenburg and General Groener, the Chancellor on the subject. While had the situation well in hand and Washington. May 4.—Another such a peace suits international princoming resistance of machine bun loan to Great Britain within the next ciples, it does not suit the needs of papers do not appear from a surface selves in the sunken road near Pet- to-day. The first credit of \$200,000,- Chancellor prepared to declare his tain any military information of an

ably will be larger than the first tions

The Socialist majority party also

SECRECY ENDED little snow and rain has set in ovarian Alberta.

Martins de Souza Dantas under sectoru with the plan to increase nospital facilities behind the front and reduce the number of hospital ships which have become special targets of the succeed Dr. Lauro Muller as forwhich have become special targets of the succeed Dr. Copenhagen, via London, May 4—

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