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## British Fighting on the West Front Intensely Fierce

### Fresh Drive Launched by Haig's Forces Against the Wotan Line in Effort to Prevent its Completion by the Foe; Desperate Resistance is Offered by the Hun to British Attacks

#### RUSSIAN SOLDIERS PROTEST

Demonstrations in Petrograd Demand Resignation of Foreign Minister

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

Petrograd, May 4.—Via London.—Detachments of soldiers have gathered in front of the palace which is used as the headquarters of the provisional government carrying red flags with inscriptions demanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Mikoloff.

#### Furious Midnight Battle Raged on Wide Front, Hindenburg Line Pierced in Two Positions; Heavy Losses Inflicted Upon Defending Teutons

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