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Four German Machines Are Brought Down and Three Others Damaged.

GERMAN CONSPIRACY FOUND IN IRELAND

Proclamation at Dublin Declares Some Irish Negotiated With Enemy—Asks Loyalist Support

Dublin, May 17.—A proclamation issued tonight says a German plot in Ireland has been discovered. In the proclamation the viceroy calls upon all loyal Irishmen to defeat the conspiracy.

GERMANY TO ENFORCE EARLY MARRIAGES

London, May 17.—The German commission appointing to examine the decline in the birth rate in Germany has reported a recommendation for the compulsory marriage of Germans before their 20th year is passed. Financial assistance would be granted by the state, according to this plan, which provides penalties for those failing to comply. Provision is also made for the punishment of married couples who remain childless.

Water From Lachine Canal For Montreal Three Days

Montreal, May 17.—From next Sunday morning until Tuesday night the only water supply this city will have will come from the Lachine Canal. As in the meantime the city's aqueduct will be empty and undergoing repairs.

DISSATISFACTION NOW IN THE ENEMY RANKS

Daily Allowance of Bread Has Been Reduced by Fifty Grammes.

British Headquarters in France, May 17.—Notwithstanding the heat wave in northern France during the last two days, and the consequent improvement in the condition of the roads, the enemy shows no signs of movement. Aerial activity continues abnormal. During the past 48 hours our airmen have been crashing and driving down objects of control, hostile aircraft, not slightly, but to the extent of several dozens. Considerable dissatisfaction prevails in the enemy ranks at a further reduction in the bread ration. The daily allowance has been cut down to half a loaf of 700 grammes, instead of 750 grammes.

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German Report Fire Inflicted Casualties on Civil Population.

Berlin, via London, May 17.—The German official communication issued today says: "An enemy monitor shelled Ostend, inflicting considerable losses among the population. "During a repulse of a strong English torpedo boat north of the Scarpe and near Beaumont-Hamel, and also during a successful operation we undertook south of Arras, we made some prisoners. "Yesterday 15 enemy airplanes and one captive balloon were shot down."

BRITISH RAID SUCCEEDS AT BEAUMONT-HAMEL

German Post Near Marris Also Rushed, Garrison Being Killed or Captured.

London, May 17.—"We carried out a successful raid last night in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel and captured a few prisoners," says Field Marshal Haig's communication issued this evening. "This morning a hostile post north of Marris was rushed by our troops. Its garrison was killed or driven out. "On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides."

DUTCH TO SEND SHIPS WITH ARMED ESCORTS

The Hague, May 17.—Jonkheer J. London, minister of foreign affairs, announced in the second chamber today that it was intended to send several steamers to the Dutch East Indies under an armed escort and accompanied by a collier. He said he could not say definitely that no international difficulty would arise out of conveying ships, but presumed that this act probably would not meet with interference. The entente governments, he said, have been informed of this decision by the Netherlands government.

FINNS DRIVE RUSSIANS UPON NORWEGIAN SOIL

Christiania, May 17.—Close to the border between Norway and Russia, at Petschenga, on the Mourman coast, 300 Finnish white guards detached by General Mannerheim to clear the district of red guards and Russians and yet been issued, and until the official nomination is held it cannot be ascertained if there will be a contest. Under the new election law in Ontario the voters' lists, which will be done by enumerators. In this case the list will include women voters under the new franchise for Ontario.

DR. CASE CANDIDATE IN NORTH HURON

Special to The Toronto World.

Wingham, May 17.—Dr. T. Case, of Duncannon, was chosen today as Conservative candidate in the by-election for the riding of North Huron to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the resignation of A. H. McGregor. Several names were submitted to the delegates, and on the final vote Dr. Case tied with George Spotton, the casting vote of the chairman. The convention was largely attended, women voting along with the men. The writ for the by-election has not yet been issued, and until the official nomination is held it cannot be ascertained if there will be a contest. Under the new election law in Ontario the voters' lists, which will be done by enumerators. In this case the list will include women voters under the new franchise for Ontario.

Toronto

Rameses Shrine opens new quarters.

W. B. Rogers, postmaster of Toronto, dies suddenly. C. Leslie Wilson, Ontario registrar, explains stricter rules regarding men between 19 and 45. A new order posted by the Royal Air Force announces that any man may obtain his discharge. Lord Reading and Hon. E. H. Root are honored by the University of Toronto by being given degrees. Dr. G. J. Steele denies the story that registrars are to receive pay for their work on and prior to June 22. Protests were made at a meeting in Eosedale against the use of St. Andrew's College as a military hospital. A verdict of accidental death is returned by the coroner's jury in the case of the death of Cadet Norman Johnson on May 12. The local Preachers' Brotherhood of the Toronto Methodist Conference passes a resolution against the holding of the Methodist general conference this year. Carlton Rayfield is found not guilty in the assault charge on a charge of criminal negligence and manslaughter in connection with the death of Dorothy Mae Stevenson.

FIGHTING IN EAST IS SATISFACTORY

British Operations in Palestine and Mesopotamia Are Successful.

SUPPLY ARTERY IS CUT

Germans Are Living on Dates and Whatever They Can Get.

London, May 17.—Recent British operations in Palestine and Mesopotamia are regarded as entirely successful by the British general staff. The main object of General Allenby's operations in Palestine have been largely realized. His object was not merely to occupy a large territory east of the Jordan, but to draw Turkish troops from the south and so ease the situation for the Arabs. This has been done to a marked extent and the allied lines in Syria and Mesopotamia are now being pushed forward. The main object of the operations in Palestine has been largely realized. His object was not merely to occupy a large territory east of the Jordan, but to draw Turkish troops from the south and so ease the situation for the Arabs. This has been done to a marked extent and the allied lines in Syria and Mesopotamia are now being pushed forward. The main object of the operations in Palestine has been largely realized. His object was not merely to occupy a large territory east of the Jordan, but to draw Turkish troops from the south and so ease the situation for the Arabs. This has been done to a marked extent and the allied lines in Syria and Mesopotamia are now being pushed forward.

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Halt in German Assault Gives Them Time to Recuperate.

WORK UNDER PRESSURE

Trench-Raiding Forays Are Reported All Along French Front.

Associated Press War Summary. During the past day, the activity of the enemy has been most pronounced at the tips of the salients driven into the allied lines in France. There was a notable increase in the German artillery fire on the Lys front in front of Hazebrouck, while Haillen, east of Amiens, has again been deluged with shells from the German cannon. At this point the French have made notable advances of late and at no time since the German wedge ceased to move early in April has this region been quiet.

MOVEMENT OF WHEAT WAS NOT AS PLANNED

Ottawa, May 17.—Reference is made in the annual report of the trade and commerce department tabled in the commons today to the conference held in Ottawa after the close of navigation last fall for the purpose of making provision for the largest possible movement of wheat from the all-rail to Atlantic ports, and for distribution to the mills of eastern Canada. Arrangements were made for an eastward movement for at least 2,000,000 bushels per day.

REDUCTION OF FLOUR RATIONS IN GERMANY

Amsterdam, May 17.—The German food department has ordered a reduction of the flour ration from 200 to 150 grams daily per person, commencing June 6, according to advices from Berlin. The announcement by the department brings the news to the German people by saying: "While the supply of promised grain from Ukraine can certainly be reckoned on, it is uncertain whether such supplies will reach Germany in large amounts before this year's harvest. The reduction is made in order to be certain of meeting the people's needs."

SEMENOFF ADVANCES WELL INTO SIBERIA

Anti-Bolshevik Leader Gives Movement New Impetus—Reinforcements Flock to Him.

Harbin, Manchuria, May 17.—The advance into Siberia of General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik commander, has given the movement which he heads a new impetus and he has received substantial reinforcements of the Cossack and Russian population is reported to be welcoming him as a deliverer. The Chinese Eastern Railway has agreed to take over the political administration and the operation of the trans-Siberian Railway in General Semenov's wake, and General Semenov, former chief of the Balkal railway at Irkutsk, is in charge of the construction and repair work, particularly on the Onon bridge, east of Chita, which requires much time and labor which material is lacking at present. Vice-Admiral Kolchak, former commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet, who recently was elected a director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and Col. Orloff, are collecting forces at Nikolai, near Vladivostok, to proceed northward toward Ussuri in an effort to free the eastern portion of the railway from the Bolsheviki.

War News

Germans make no move from trenches since British.

British expect Germans to resume offensive on the same scale as before. British troops rush a German post near Marris, killing or ousting the garrison. British take a few prisoners in carrying out a raid near Beaumont-Hamel. Italian and British patrols and artillery continue active warfare against the Austrians. Russian Bolshevik troops cross Caspian Sea in boats and recapture Batum from Turks. British general staff regards operations in Palestine and Mesopotamia as entirely satisfactory. French night-flying squadrons discharge bombs against points in rear of German lines. Nearly 75 tons of explosives dropped by French on stations and depots in German possession. British aviators in past few days destroyed 75 German machines, with a loss of only 19 of their own machines. Allied aerial supremacy has much to do with bringing enemy attack to a standstill, according to British experts. Gen. Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader, by advancing into Siberia, has won over large masses of the population.

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Returns to Markham Street Home and Dies Suddenly in His 65th Year.

Shortly after returning from his usual evening walk last night, W. B. Rogers, postmaster for Toronto since March 31, 1908, dropped dead in his home at 420 Markham street. Mr. Rogers had been in the habit of taking a walk every evening after supper, and complained of feeling unwell when he returned. He soon collapsed and expired. Mr. Rogers probably was as well known as any man in Toronto, and in addition to those who knew him only by sight he had a wide circle of friends. Prior to being appointed postmaster in 1908 by the Laurier Government, he was engaged in the furniture manufacturing business and took a prominent part in politics. He was 64 years of age. His funeral will be held on Monday at 3 o'clock from 420 Markham street to Mount Pleasant cemetery. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

WINNIPEG STRIKE MORE COMPLICATED

Two Hundred Cartage Teamsters Walk Out in Sympathy With Civic Employees.

MINOR CLASHES REPORTED

Four Men in Auto Attacked Man in Charge of One of Firehalls.

Winnipeg, May 17.—The strike situation in Winnipeg was complicated further today by the walkout of cartage teamsters, about 200 in number, in sympathy with the striking civic employees. With a number of other unions threatening a walkout, and the street railway employees taking strike vote Saturday, solution of the problem confronting the people of Winnipeg seems further off than ever. The federal government has announced that it has no power to force the civic employees to bring their differences to arbitration, which was demanded by the city council as the only solution of the dispute they would recognize. Minor clashes between strikers and citizens are reported. The fire halls and fire alarm boxes are said to have been tampered with, but no arrests have been made. Four men drove up to fire hall No. 14 at midnight last night and attacked Thomas Baird, who was then in charge of the hall. On his calling for help, however, the attackers returned to their auto, and rushed off. A vague description of the men has been given to the police, but whether or not they were connected with the strikers has not been established. Alderman Hoops, who has tried from the outset to act as peacemaker in the strike, has suggested to both sides that the men go back to work at once, and that in a month's time, when the storm of feeling has died down, the unions and the city council discuss the questions at issue. Mr. Hoops is a labor member of the council, and his suggestion will be discussed by both sides. Except for a tentative service between some of the big exchanges, the telephone service in Winnipeg is still out of operation. Efforts are being made to replace the operators, and it is said that some of the striking girls returned to their posts today. The women volunteer reserves have offered their services as telephone operators, and a complete service is promised for tomorrow.

MORE THAN 3000 ENEMY PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Paris, May 17.—French airmen have brought down 322 enemy airplanes during March and April, as compared with 96 French airplanes lost in the same period. The inferiority of the German air service is causing the general staff grave anxiety.

CHINESE-JAP PACT

Negotiations Proceed to Arm Against German Encroachments Eastward.

Tokyo, May 17.—Important negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese governments for a military understanding are making progress. The fundamental idea is to reach a military agreement to act in common in case the extension of German influence eastward menaces the peace of Asia.

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It is announced by the Ontario registrar that the fine of \$50 which will be levied if a man is found not carrying proper military papers, applies to all men of 19 to 45 years of age. Men of these ages are also liable to pay a fine of \$100 if they fail to notify the registrar when they change their address. These new Dominion Government orders come into effect on June 1. In regard to the order about carrying papers, it is pointed out by the registrar that having credentials at home will not answer. Proper credentials showing how a man stands in regard to the Draft Act, must be actually carried by all men of these ages, and those found without them, are liable not only to the fine, but also to being retained indefinitely in military custody. The 19-year-old men on going to the postoffice to send notice to the registrar of their attaining that age, will be presented by the postoffice authorities with a receipt which will prevent their being arrested by the Dominion police. Later they will receive certificates from the registrar showing they have fully registered. Those who enlisted in the Canadian overseas forces and were returned from England to Canada because un- fit for military age, will on attaining the age of 19, have to send their names to the registrar, like the others. If, however, those of 19 years of age have been in France or any other scene of actual warfare, they are not required to register.

QUARTER OF CITY BURNED

Gothenburg, Sweden, Suffers Extensively From Great Fire.

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GRAIN NOT ARRIVING

Germany Has Received Less Than One-Fifth of What Was Expected.

Amsterdam, May 17.—"Only 1,852 tons of grain have arrived in Germany from the Ukraine," says The Koelnische Volkszeitung, a copy of which has been received here. "This is less than one-fifth of what we ought to have had by now," the newspaper adds.

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