

Attack on Eight Mile Front Gained Greater Part of Bullecourt and the Western Section of Rœux.

HOSPITAL WING CANADIAN GIFT

A despatch from Washington says: It was learned Wednesday night on unquestionable authority that the Naval Consulting Board has submitted to Secretary Daniels and his advisers a definite and completed plan to cope with the German U-boats which has proved a revelation to the best technical brains in the service here.

**British Take Another Portion of the German Trenches Defending
Lens and its Coal Fields.**

A despatch from London says: The Germans are keeping up with great intensity their offensive against the British around Fresnoy and to the east of Bullecourt, but are being hard held by Field Marshal Haig's forces. The village of Fresnoy apparently remains in the hands of the Germans after the recapture Tuesday, but the Canadians and South Englishers are still holding vantage points around it, from which the Germans are vainly endeavoring to expel them and put an end to their harassing fire.

To the east of Bullecourt, where the British have established themselves a strong line from the outskirts of the Quanten, the Germans are striving hard to push back the British to prevent the capture of the southern end of the Droocourt-Quanten line, which would prove of great menace to the important town of Cambrai. The viciousness of the battle is indicated by the German official communication, which announces that the fight for the village is of a fluctuating nature.

The British evidently have pushed a step forward toward the capture of the town of Lens, and the important field in its immediate vicinity. South of the Souchez River, during the night attack another portion of the German front and support lines, together with a number of prisoners, was captured.

For the most part the line where the French are facing the Germans is being a matter of comparative calm, excepting the artillery and small German counter-attacks, none of the value of which met with success.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 76 to 78c, nominal; No. 3 white, 75 to 77c, nominal.

The result is a total estimated destruction through winter-killing of 187,000 acres of fall-sown wheat, or 1.3 per cent of the population is larger than in any of the two previous years, when, however, the amount of winter-killing was exceptionally low, being not more than about six per cent. in each year.

**French Troops Brilliantly Carry
Position to the South
of Huma.**

Winnipeg Grain
Winnipeg, May 15. Grain prices:—
Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.94; No. 2
Northern, \$2.84; No. 3 Northern, \$2.74;
extra No. 1, \$2.74; No. 2, \$2.69; No. 3,
\$2.64; No. 4, \$2.54; No. 5, \$2.49; No. 6, \$1.90;
No. 7, \$1.85; No. 8, \$1.80; No. 9, \$1.75;
C.W. 75½; extra No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2,
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Live Stock Markets
Toronto, May 15.—Extra choice steers,
2.00 to \$12.65; choice heavy steers,
1.35 to \$11.75; good heavy steers,
0.50 to \$10.75, butchers' cattle, choice,

ENTHUSIASM.

A despatch from New York says: "Arthur James Balfour, Foreign Britain's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and members of the British commission accompanying him to this country, received a welcome of amazing proportions on their arrival from Washington late on Friday. Mr. Balfour was so impressed by what he termed the "whole-hearted exhibition of enthusiasm" everywhere, that later in a speech at the City Hall he asserted if "those on the other side of the Atlantic could have had a glimpse of this there could be renewed determination to carry through the struggle at all sacrifices."

**amous Russian General Is
Superseded on the
Northern Front.**

A despatch from Petrograd says: General Ruzsky has been removed from the chief command of the army in Belgium and \$5,000,000 for relief in Northern France.

By making the loan the United States will take the burden of the relief of Belgium and France from the shoulders of Great Britain and France and thus prevent the country so far as possible.

country. They had repeated the appeal recently issued warning the people against any kind of civil war, but a possible return to despotism.

"Can she be seen?" sniggered Katharine. "Shure, an Oi think she can." She was six feet high, and four feet wide, and she had a beard. Some a few of the men were as white as sheet, but

Program of British Shipping Minister to Meet the Sub	Total of 450 Guns Also Taken in Spring Offensive.
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Lord Curzon gave figures showing that before the war the United Kingdom had 45.3 per cent of the merchant shipping under 10,000 tons and 45 per cent under 5,000 tons. In ships exceeding 1,000 tons each, he said, the United Kingdom had in June, 1914, 3,900 vessels of gross tonnage totalling 16,960,000 tons. The figures for the United States in 1917, he said, were 3,500 ships aggregating nearly 16,000,000 tons.

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Attacking Germans Are Thrown Back at All Points With Heavy Losses.

A despatch from London says:—After attacks by the troops of Crown prince Rupprecht, and the German own Prince are being made against the positions, vital to the defences of Lens and Laon, held by the British and French. Field Marshal Haig and General Nivelle are holding their recent gains and throwing back the attacking Germans with heavy losses. South of the Souchez River, one of

Operations.

A despatch from London says:—The House of Commons on Wednesday Right Hon. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring to the west front, said the rapidity of the attack had forestalled the enemy, who had to fight on the open, with heavy losses, because he had not had time to prepare trenches. Since April 1 we had taken 20,000 prisoners, 257 guns, 227 trench mortars. While in the first 24 days of the Somme drive we advanced three and one-half miles on a six-mile front, we had now advanced from two to five miles on a 20-mile front, where there were twice as many German divisions against us as on the Somme,

new British positions, but a brilliant counter-attack recovered the lost trenches and left the British line un-
changed.

ANOTHER MORAL TRIUMPH.
Russia's Victory Over Opium is Bright
Chapter in Her History.

Moral triumphs seem sometimes very slow in coming, and it is a long time before one reaches consummation. At last the Indian opium traffic with China has come to an end, and Britain comes out an old and ugly stain, and a new republic is emancipated from

Formidable Array of Obstacles to
Organization of New Govern-
ment

A despatch from London says:—The Morning Post has the following from Petrograd:

While the Russians are striving honorably to achieve political liberty by the civil methods of argument and persuasion, which, if sure, are necessarily slow, the extreme parties—

ed up to her part of the bargain as steucher, who have lain concealed here or got across the frontier during the poppy and the consumption of revolution or through the Russian um; in fact, the edict prohibiting lines at the front during the orgy of "brotherhood of nations" which lasted was promulgated in 1906.

The story of the thrung of opium in China makes a dark chapter in history of Anglo-Chinese relations, and is a story that has been repeated in fact that at last that chapter, as may be, has been blotted out. As China's victory over the opium it is certainly one of the most recent and splendid chapters in Chinese history. The parallel to the modern times has been Russia's vic- cape from the drink evil.

Country for the First Time Has a Labor Party—Planks in Its Platform.

despatch from Ungreni, Rumania, was received. The revolutionary movement in Rumania could not remain without influence in this country, where hitherto there has existed neither a Socialist Labor party. Friday morning twenty members of Parliament assembled to formulate the basis of a new party, which adopted the program of which the following are the main points: (1) Distribution of the land among all who work the land; (2) votes for women; (3) rights for Jews who took part in the campaign of 1913 or the present war. With regard to the foreign policy the Labor party asks for energetic prosecution of the war until German militarism is crushed. The new party has already elected a committee of five representatives of the Russian Social-Democratic Party.

OW SOME UNSCRUPULOUS PER-
SONS TREAT THE NEEDY.

The woman's eyes became moist as she gazed into the embers of the dying fire.

She was looking back on a moment of madness. As she went to bed she prayed that God in His mercy would find some way out of the labyrinth of despair into which that moment of madness had led her, says London And

He was a straight chap. He could do an underhand action if he tried. Some things he was almost parsimonious. Borrowing money was one of them. He hated it.

oe's father had been ruined by a
newlylander, and it had embittered
his whole life. He hated money-
lenders, and he hated borrowers. He
dreaded judgment summonses, break-
men, homes being sold up, vams-
es waiting as the men left their
work, women and men drowning their
sorrows in drink, and even becoming
slaves, because they could not pay
their loan instalment to the money-
lender.

long, and you run short—well, juggle on! But, whatever you do, don't borrow! Promise!"

She promised. She knew how snugly her big, burly Joe, with his

light, simple, trusting heart felt the subject. And now, as she sat rapt of the dying fire, her heart heavy within her, for she had broken her promise. She was in the clutches of a money-lender—a Shylock as ruthless as the creation of Shakespeare's brain.

There was a man near her home who lent money to the workers, and pressed into his service women as unscrupulous as himself. He induced others of their sex to borrow small sums, on which they had to pay interest at the rate of two pence in the shilling a week.

Thus, when Joe's wife fell ill, when,

insidiously whisper in her ear how it was to borrow a couple of pounds for a time. She was tempted, and she fell. For

As she paid out twopence in the
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as she had reached the lowest
as of despair, she found herself in
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...rose with a splitting headache.

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amount of money that he had in his pocket, and took a receipt in full for the mortgage and settlement. Then the light disappeared, and he turned a sickly gray on the moneylender.

Joe did not trouble to describe the terrible thrashing Joe gave the usurer. He need say is that afterwards he lay in bed for three weeks.

How lucky, when I came home unexpectedly, the kiddy told me where you were, lass," said Joe, as they went to bed for the rest!"

When they were seated in the room which had been saved from the clerk's clutches by Joe's provident investment, he locked her in his arms and gave her a long kiss.

"Did you Joe was a good husband. I think he served it."