

FRENCH TROOPS DRIVING HUNS BACK

Smashing Blows by French Drive Germans Two Miles to Rear of the Hindenburg Line

Gen. Nivelle's Troops Advance, Northeast of St. Quentin Canal and on the Heights Northeast of Tergnier—The Germans Forced to Inundate Country Around La Fere.

Paris, March 23.—The French forces operating to the northeast of the St. Quentin Canal have pushed back the Germans between one and a quarter and two and one-half miles and also have gained additional ground on the heights northeast of Tergnier, overlooking the Oise Valley, according to the French official communication, issued tonight. Two German attacks near Thil, northwest of Rheims, were repulsed.

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FURTHER during all February not a single car was shipped to me and only six during the first three weeks of March, and this, in the face of an abnormal demand for cars, caused by the great prosperity our farming classes are enjoying.

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CALLED HER MOTHER NAMES, WIFE SAYS

White Plains, N. Y., March 23.—Saying that one's mother-in-law is "such a lazy old fool that she cannot see on a cotton" is sufficient grounds for a wife to obtain a legal separation from her husband under an order filed in the Supreme Court today by Justice Marchant.

Mrs. Hortense L. Morfit testified that her husband, Clarence Morfit, of Manhattan, also had called her a "fool" and a "lazy fool" and that for four years he had failed to provide for the support of herself and their two children.

They were married at No. 71 Central Park West on June 20, 1908, and Mrs. Morfit testified that as her husband had no visible means of support she was compelled to contribute from her own funds for the support of the home. In those circumstances a decree of separation was awarded to the wife.

WITH OUR OWN STICK.

[The Edinburgh Review.] It would be criminal folly not to make the most of the respite granted us, to people our Dominions with our own stock, while yet there is time. Systematic plans of colonization should be worked out and emigrants drafted off to the Dominions as work can be found for them. Young women should be sent out in sufficient numbers to keep the sexes equal. The real issue of this war is whether our great colonies are to continue British, and the question will be decided not only on the field of battle, but by the action of our Government and people after peace is declared.

offensive, which was completely successful. The enemy despite stubborn resistance, was pushed back on a large front for distances varying between two and four kilometers, to the northeast of the crossing of the Ailette.

"To the northeast of Tergnier our detachments have pushed ahead on the heights immediately overlooking the Oise valley. In this region the Germans have resorted to inundations. The city of La Fere is under water.

"To the south of the Oise we have continued our operations along the river. In the region to the north of Solons our troops fought for and realized considerable progress toward Marivaux.

"To the northwest of Rheims the Germans carried out against our trenches a series of attacks which were repulsed. The curtain fire of our machine guns.

"The losses of the enemy have been serious. Judging from the bodies of men abandoned within our wire entanglements.

"Along the rest of the front the day has been comparatively quiet. Attacks by the exactions of Greek insurgents bands in the neutral zone, have enabled us to scatter several bands in the region of Kipuros, and to seize a great number of rifles and cartridges which had been concealed."

"On the whole, including the figures given in the preceding communication, we had captured in this region up to March 21: eleven machine guns, two trench guns, 24 officers and 170 men. During the same period three enemy airplanes were brought down by the British, whose very active airplanes also have bombarded railway stations and enemy artillery parks.

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PROFESSOR CUT DOWN ON STREET

Murderous Attack on Prof. Adrien Plouffe at Montreal—Left for Dead.

Montreal, March 23.—Dr. Adrien Plouffe, lecturer of the school of Montreal and professor at Laval University, was murdered last night. That he is alive today and able to go about is due to the fact that his assailant, believed he had stabbed him fatally in the heart and hurled away without making an examination after he struck, and also due to the fact that in his inside coat pocket Dr. Plouffe had a heavily bound book. The cover of it and seventy of its pages are slashed as with a dagger or very sharp knife, the two coats, waistcoat and other clothing were penetrated with the thrust of the weapon, and the inside shirt of the doctor bore traces of blood from a slight wound made over the heart by the man who tried to commit murder. Papers in the vest pocket of the doctor, including a letter from Lord Northcliffe, were also cut by the thrust of the weapon, and in the struggle which Dr. Plouffe apparently made, although he remembers nothing after he was struck over the heart until he found himself leaning against a tree, his cheek was slashed and a wound about two inches long inflicted on his forehead.

Called a Judas. The doctor was walking up the west side of St. Mark street from Dorchester street last night about 11:30 o'clock, and when in a dark part of the street a man suddenly jumped before him and cried in a voice of rage: "Will you cease writing, Judas?" Dr. Plouffe saw the flash of something like a dagger or knife, felt a blow at the heart, and a stinging burning sensation. He says that he did not faint over but weak and understood nothing more until he came to himself again leaning against a tree. Gradually getting stronger, Dr. Plouffe saw his assailant, but could see nobody. He then made his way to his friend's, Dr. J. Rottot-Bral's of Fort street, and his assailant dressed. Then he phoned the police.

Dr. Plouffe made his way back again to where he was attacked and found his revolver lying in the snow. He does not believe his assailant took it and threw it down, but that he had pulled it out to defend himself when attacked and in his weakness dropped it himself.

Robbery Not Motive. "That robbery was not the cause of the attack is plainly evident," said Dr. Plouffe, "my watch, keys, money and papers were all intact, and I had also managed to hold on to my little valise containing papers that are very valuable to me. I, however, received warning in a friendly note advising me to be very careful as I might be attacked. I think the attempt was made on my life because I opposed Nationalism as some people are advocating it, and also wrote several letters to The Herald and some French papers against the book written in favor of Nationalism being the politics of the day.

"I went and saw the police again this morning and got permission to carry firearms for my protection. They congratulated me on my narrow escape, but have got no clue to my assailant."

FIRST FOOD CONTROLLER.

[The London Daily Chronicle.] Who was the first Food Controller? No, it wasn't Lord Devonport. Economists have never quite settled the point. Some declare that the honor falls to Joseph, when he filled the granaries of Egypt against the seven years' famine. Others are inclined to favor Cato Gracchus, who distributed corn to Roman citizens at the time of the civil strife in 130 B. C., while others, again, give first place to Louis XIV. when, in his famous Code Michaud, he fixed the number of dishes to be served at table.

ELECTION ISSUE IN BRITAIN.

[The Scotsman.] All parties and sections of the nation should rejoice at the opportunity which is afforded through this policy of settling once for all a great Imperial question, of drawing the Dominions closer to us and to one another, and of establishing both for them and for us a new era of commercial and industrial prosperity, and of security against outside aggression. The task is a great piece of constructive statesmanship, and if unfortunately divided opinions should appear in the House of Commons, an appeal may have to be made to the country. If such an appeal is made, the answer of the nation should be an overwhelming mandate to proceed with a work that offers the country and the Empire so great advantages.

Nothing succeeds like success unless it is the way some failures fail.

Freckle-Face

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots. Do you know how easy it is to remove those ugly spots that no one will call you freckle-face? Simply get an ounce of othine, double strength, from your druggist and a few applications should show you how easy it is to rid yourself of freckles and get a beautiful complexion. The sun and winds of March have a strong tendency to bring out freckles, and as a result more othine is sold in this month. Be sure to ask for the double strength othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove the freckles.

SEEKS DAMAGES FOR RIDICULE

Montreal, March 23.—Before Mr. Justice Coderre in the Superior Court today, there is being rehearsed a story which might form the plot of a movie drama. The defendant is J. B. Longtin, aged 73, of St. Jacques le Mineur, from whom Dollard Garceau, of St. Cyrrien, seeks to obtain \$2,000 in damages and heart balm. Longtin, Garceau alleges, is the man who persuaded Rosanna Babouf to break off her engagement with him.

Garceau and Miss Babouf, who is a native of the parish of St. Jacques le Mineur, agreed to wed, and publication of the banns was begun. The disappointed Garceau sued her for breach of promise and was awarded \$120 by the courts here last February last. But Garceau went further. He entered action against Longtin on the ground that it was he who had persuaded Miss Babouf to hand him the mittens. According to the plaintiff's allegations, Longtin, at whose house in St. Jacques le Mineur Miss Babouf used to work, promised the girl \$1,000 if she would break off diplomatic relations with Garceau. Payment was to be made on a basis of \$200 down and \$800 in two weeks. As a matter of fact, Garceau alleges, the sum of \$150 was actually paid on account.

To make matters worse, Garceau declares, Longtin was not satisfied with having had him dismissed as fiancée, but he went about the parish boasting of his achievement. Garceau divides his claim of \$2,000 into two parts. Of the total, \$130 is for wedding raiment that never had a chance to go to a wedding, and the balance is for laceration of his feelings through the rude jolt handed him by Miss Rosanna and damage to his reputation through the ridicule said to have been heaped on him by Longtin.

BLOODLESS REVOLUTION.

[Punch, London.] The British revolution goes on apace. The Game Laws, over which so many Parliamentary battles have been fought, were swept away in a moment this afternoon when Captain Bathurst announced in his usual level tones that British farmers would in future be allowed to destroy pheasants with as little compunction as if they were rabbits, and with no regard to the sacredness of close-time. After this momentous announcement, which transforms (subject to the opinion of the law-officers), every tenant-farmer into a pheasant-proprietor, members took a little time to recover their breath.

British Increase Bend in German Line About Arras And Make Substantial Gains

The British Are Now in Close Contact with the German Troops Before Cambrai and St. Quentin—German Counter Attacks Were Easily Repelled.

London, March 23.—Encounters between British patrols and German detachments have occurred along the general line from Beaurains to Etrelles, says the official communication from British headquarters in France, issued tonight. South of Arras and near the centre of the line German counter-attacks, the statement adds, were driven off and the British positions were maintained. British troops made further progress in the region of Croisilles and Ecoust, southeast of Arras, says the statement, the text of which follows: "In the area of our advance encounters between our patrols and hostile detachments of some strength have occurred at a number of points along the general line, Etrelles-Baumetz-Lez-Cambrai-Beaurains. During the day the enemy counter-attacks near Aixcourt-Lez-Bas, Baumetz-Lez-Cambrai and Vracourt were driven off, after fighting. Our positions were maintained, and we took a few prisoners. "Our troops made further progress in the neighborhood of Ecoust and Croisilles. "We carried out a successful raid this morning east of Arras. The enemy blew up a large mine last night

MARYSVILLE NOTES.

Marysville, March 24.—The members of the choir and Sunday school of Olivette Baptist church, together with relatives of Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Roy Robertson, held a farewell party in honor of the two ladies who have removed with their families to reside in Gilson. A very pleasant evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and games. Refreshments were served during the evening. Rev. E. J. Barras, pastor of the church, presented Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Robertson with a number of useful and beautiful gifts from their friends and expressed his regret, and the regret of their numerous friends, that they were leaving the town, at the same time wishing them success and happiness in their new homes. Speak thieves have been doing a thriving business around some local hen houses lately and it is stated this morning east of Arras. The enemy blew up a large mine last night in consequence thereof.

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HON. MARTIN BURRELL, Minister.