

Terrific Teuton Drive in Italy Coming While Complete Lull Prevails in West

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Official Announcement of Appointment of Viscount French and that of Edward Short, Member of House of Commons for Newcastle-on-Tyne, as Chief Secretary for Ireland, Made in London Last Night.

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Field Marshal Viscount John Denton Pinkstone French (Viscount French of Ypres and of High Lake) was born at Ripple Vale, Ripple, Kent, England, Sept. 28, 1852, the son of

and Lombard's Kop. He was lieutenant general commanding the cavalry division in South Africa in 1900-1902. He was promoted to the rank of major-general and directed the operations around Cotesburg from Mar. 10, 1899 to Jan. 31, 1900, including several important engagements. He commanded the cavalry forces which relieved Kimberley in February of the latter year. He commanded the cavalry division in Lord Roberts' forces throughout the operations ending in the capture of Bloemfontein and Pretoria. Gen. Roberts commanded



Captain French, R. N. and Margaret daughter of William Eccles. He became a naval cadet in 1866 and served in that capacity and as midship for four years. In 1874 he entered the army and served in the Sudan campaign of 1884-85. He became cavalry commander in Natal in 1899, leading troops at the battle of Elandslaagte in the South African war. He commanded the cavalry in Sir G. White's forces in the battle of Reitfontein

STMR. LOUISBURG IS TOTAL WRECK

Sydney, N. S., May 5.—Steaming in a heavy fog, the steamer Louisburg at one o'clock this morning ran on the rocks of English Cape, St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland, and was within a short time a total wreck. All of the crew are safe.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN IN FREDERICTON

Most of Churches Make Appeal — Rev. Dr. Harrison Speaks in Marysville.

OLD ST. MARTINS FIRM LEAVING BUSINESS

Special to The Standard. St. Martins, May 5.—Within a few days an old familiar sign in this village will be taken down and this will mark the passing out of business of the firm of J. and J. S. Titus who for over forty years have conducted one of the largest general stores in the country. For the last few years the store has been conducted by Emery A. Titus grandson of the founder of the business, but it is understood he has sold out to the Bentley Merchandise Company and will in the near future remove to St. John to make his home there.

LONG THREATENED BLOW ANTICIPATED IN ITALY SHORTLY

Austrians Assembling Their Legions from Russian and Rumanian Fronts for a Drive at King Victor Emmanuel's Armies Defending the Venetian Plains and Austrian Emperor and His Chiefs are on the Scene—No Infantry Fighting in France or Flanders, Germans Having Delayed Renewal of Their Expected Attack—Venice May Be in Danger.

Over the battle lines along the Piave River and in the mountainous region in northern Italy, where the allied forces have been holding their positions since last November, after the great Italian retreat from the Isonzo, there is increased tension and the long-threatened blow at this front may be launched by the Teutonic allies within a few days.

For many weeks, the Italian war office has been aware that the Austrians have been gathering the legions withdrawn from the Russian and Rumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies and it is believed that it will not be long before the Central Powers will make another attempt to reach the plains of Venetia, break through the allies lines and seek to bring about a decisive combat in that theatre of the war.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff and high German and Austrian army officers, is reported on his way to the Italian front and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions.

THREE INJURED AT CHURCH CEREMONY IN QUEBEC CITY

Archbishop Mathieu of Regina Leaves Stand Before It Collapses.

WOMAN IS KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Three Others Injured in Collision Opposite Lieutenant Governor's Home.

Quebec, May 5.—Three people were injured this afternoon, none, it is thought, however, seriously, when a small stand collapsed after the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Roch's church. Mr. Mathieu, Archbishop of Regina, officiated at the ceremony, but fortunately had left the stand before the accident occurred.

STEAMER STANLEY STILL IN THE ICE

Halifax, May 5.—The latest word from the D. G. S. Stanley, Captain Rowe, which lost her rudder in the ice off the Cape Breton coast on Friday last, was received at noon on Saturday. She was then in the ice about ten miles off Cape St. Lawrence.

NO PEACE OFFER FROM POPE YET

Move on Part of Vatican does Not Seem Near, Rome Announces.

EMPEROR KARL OF AUSTRIA ON ITALIAN FRONT

Considerable Movement of Troops in the Tyrol and the Trentino.

INCREASE IN HOSTILE GUN FIRE IN ITALY

Italian Artillery Carries Out Numerous Bombardments Before Fighting.

Geneva, May 5.—It is officially announced from Vienna that Emperor Charles, the chief of the Austrian general staff, and several high German and Austrian officers reached the Italian front yesterday. This, with the considerable movement of troops in the Tyrol and Trentino reported from the interior, is interpreted to mean that the long-expected offensive on the Italian front will soon be begun.

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ARMY DISTRIBUTED

In well informed circles in Switzerland it is not ignored that quite recently agents of Baron von Mummich have been distributing arms and ammunition to their partisans. Considerable funds were distributed secretly by the German staff for the success of the coup d'etat.

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FORMER RUSSIAN TSAR MOVED TO EKATERINBURG

Ex-Emperor, Together with Former Empress and One of Their Daughters Have Been Transferred to Point 170 Miles Southeast of Perm, on Asiatic Side of Ural Mountains—Monarchists and Peasants Planned Escape of Nicholas — Coup d'etat Coming in Ukraine.

Moscow, Saturday, May 4.—(By The Associated Press) —Nicholas Romanoff, the former Emperor, together with the former Empress and one of their daughters, have been transferred from Tobolsk to Ekaterinburg (170 miles southeast of Perm, on the Asiatic side of the Ural Mountains) according to a Soviet announcement. The transferred was ordered because of the alleged efforts of peasants and monarchists in the neighborhood of Tobolsk to promote the escape of the prisoners.

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Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Spanish ships are liable under this new decision which amounts practically to an unlimited submarine campaign. What effect it will have on the total sinkings is difficult to say, but it is not considered probable that it will raise the amount of lost tonnage materially as neutral ships have paid a heavy price for a long time.

Neither is it calculated to frighten neutrals' shipping from the seas. Holland, Sweden and Denmark have shipped their goods in neutral bottoms to Allied countries in many months. Norway and Spain, however, have been carrying on a considerable business. Germany has become sadly disappointed in the submarine. The U-boats continue to reap a rich harvest and cause the Allies considerable embarrassment but their efforts fall far short of meeting the German expectations.

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Special to The Standard. Chatham, May 5.—Daniel Cripps and William Whalen left for Washington yesterday where they will give evidence before a United States commission appointed by President Wilson to enquire into the cost of the production of pulpwood and its relation to the cost of paper. Mr. Cripps has had several years' experience in the handling of roused wood for the Miramichi Lumber Co. and Mr. Whalen is a small lumber operator of several years' experience. The other pulpwood exporting provinces of the Dominion will be represented at the commission.

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