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## Enemy Launches Heavy Attacks Against The British And French

### Repulsed, But Force Slight Retirement of British in Bullecourt and Gain Footing in an Advanced French Trench

London, May 15.—A heavy attack was launched by the Germans today on British positions in the Bullecourt region, on the Arras front. Today's official statement says the Germans were repulsed in Bullecourt but that the British advanced posts in the northwestern portion of the village were forced back a short distance.

Paris, May 15.—An attack was made by the Germans last night on an extended front. Today's official statement says it was repulsed by the French fire. The Germans were able to get a footing only in an advanced trench. Statements in Detail.

London, May 15.—The British statement says: "Small engagements between outposts, in which our troops were successful, took place during the night southeast of Epehy. Early this morning the enemy heavily bombarded our positions in Bullecourt and on the Hindenburg line again delivered two determined counter-attacks. His attempt upon the Hindenburg line completely failed."

"In Bullecourt his attack was also repulsed, after fighting in which our advanced posts in the northwestern portion of the village were forced back a short distance."

"Another hostile counter-attack southeast of Loos was stopped by our artillery. We made a successful counter-attack in the neighborhood of Ypres and captured a few prisoners."

Paris, May 15.—The French statement says the enemy's attack was made on the Aisne front, along the Chemin des Dames. The statement follows: "After a violent bombardment late yesterday on the Chemin des Dames, the Germans attacked our positions over a long front in the region northwest of Braye-en-Laonnais, between Hoves and Epine de Chery. Our machine guns broke up the attack. The Germans were not able to approach our lines except at one point, where the enemy gained a footing in one of our advanced trenches southwest of Epehy. Surprise attacks against French posts north of Craonne, east of Hill 108 and northeast of Auberville were defeated by our fire. We took prisoners, of whom one is an officer."

"In the Woëvre and Lorraine, detachments penetrated the German lines at several points and brought back prisoners."

## CHEERED BY LETTER FROM SON REPORTED DEAD

Moncton Soldier Writes of That Day at Vimy Ridge

Moncton, N. B., May 15.—Pte. Lester Trites, of Moncton, who was recently reported killed in action, is alive and well. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trites, have just received a letter from him, dated April 10. Private Trites was aware of the report that he had been killed and was worrying lest this erroneous report should reach his parents.

"George Page was wounded, and when he was going out he saw my body lying on the ground, and when he went over to see, he was ordered along to the dressing station," writes Private Trites. "Out I was he saw Johnny Cripps, Jim Wat was he and the boys, and he told them I was killed."

It was Private Cripps who wrote them that Private Trites was killed, and since then a telegram has been received stating that Private Cripps met death in action.

"A big shell hit about seven feet from me, and it was a dud (that is it did not explode)," writes Private Trites, "and when it struck it knocked me over. It was then that Trites' comrades thought he was dead."

"Poor Arthur McMurray fell. He was killed by concussion, says Trites. He was not hit at all. (McMurray's home is in the North Shore.)

## FORMER GERMAN RAIDER NOW IN AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, May 15.—The American steamship Dekalb, formerly the German auxiliary cruiser and commerce raider Prince Eitel Friedrich was placed in full commission in the American navy on May 12. The department has so announced. The Dekalb will be the first of the German ships, either naval or merchant, to be employed against the German government. The navy department would not disclose the duty to which the vessel has been assigned.

## Nivelle Gives Way To Petain As Chief On West Front

Paris, May 15.—General Petain was appointed commander-in-chief of the French armies operating on the French front at a cabinet meeting today. He succeeds General Nivelle, who is placed in command of a group of armies.

## STRIKE NOW MAY AFFECT ARMY IN SUMMER DRIVE

British Minister of Munitions Deplores Engineers' Trouble

SOME WEEKS' WORK LOST

Practically No Motor Buses Running in London—Police May Invoke Defence of Realm Act to Bring Settlement

London, May 15.—Dr. C. Addison, minister of munitions, in a statement dealing with the engineers' strike, says: "The people say the army in France has leaps of shells. But that is not the point. An army that has no shells is particularly affected by such things as big guns, tanks and airplanes. The supply of all these has been gravely affected. A continuation of the strike in June depends upon the things which are now being finished in the shops. We have lost three weeks over the supply of important war munitions at Barrow. That will be felt later, but what is being held up now is that which will affect the soldiers in June and July, as they will not be able to go forward with that protection from tanks that they should have. This is the gravest feature of the whole thing."

The Motor Bus Strike. London, May 15.—Only about thirty motor buses were running in the whole of the metropolitan area on Monday, and the situation last night showed no signs of growing better. The union of licensed vehicle workers, which called the strike, says the managers will not agree to any terms, which are part of a combine controlling the bulk of London's traffic, yesterday put extra cars into those services for the purpose of checking the strikers.

Action was taken at a late hour last night by the chief commissioner of police. After a statement by the union secretary, the commissioner countered with a warning that it was an offense under the Defense of the Realm Act for anybody employed in the public conveyance service to cause the cessation or curtailment of the tramway or omnibus services used by munition workers. As these services are the chief means of conveyance for the workers in the whole of the metropolis and the workers yesterday were the chief sufferers as a result of the strike, it is considered possible that the police may have played a trump card in the situation.

LATER. Engineers Returning. London, May 15.—About fifty per cent. of the engineers on strike in Manchester returned to work this morning, and it is expected that others will follow them tomorrow. Many of those who are idling today seem to be infected with the spirit of joining crowds which welcomed the king and queen to the city. Striking engineers in Liverpool also returned to work today and only a comparatively small number of men remained out.

## THE CITY FARM ON MANAWAGONISH ROAD

Preparations for the civic potato patch on the Manawagonish road are advancing satisfactorily. Commissioner Russell has engaged two men with double team ploughs to turn up the soil, and they were to begin work this afternoon. He also has got in touch with a practical man who would be able to give valuable advice and assistance to the amateur farmers, and believes that he will be able to secure his services to aid in the work. Several applications for plots were received by the commissioner this morning and it is expected that the whole area will be taken up promptly by those who are anxious to aid in the food production campaign and lessen their own cost of living.

## THE CORSO ASHORE

Halifax, N. S., May 15.—A wireless message today from Father Point says that the steamer Corso, Captain Henderson, is ashore two miles east of River Chate, and asks that help be sent as soon as possible. She was leaking badly in No. 1 hold.

## DAMAGED BY BOYS

Yesterday afternoon Policeman Merriek, of the North End division, was summoned to the old Hilyard shipyard, where it was reported boys had broken into the saw mill and were making off with wood, etc., and also breaking some of the fixtures. When he arrived on the scene they had disappeared.

## WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—The eastern disturbance is now centered south of Newfoundland and the weather is likely to clear in the maritime provinces. It was a little warmer yesterday in Ontario and Quebec and continued quite warm in the west.

## BORDEN AT HIS DESK; WILL BE IN COMMONS TODAY

Ottawa, May 15.—Sir Robert Borden and party reached the capital at 2.30 a.m. Sir Robert, home after the Imperial War conference, was back on the job today attending to an accumulation of business and receiving calls from a few intimate friends. He will go to the house this afternoon and, though it may not be today, will take an early opportunity of giving an account of such matters dealt with by conference as can be made public.

## PRIVATE CLIMO'S WOUND SERIOUS BUT CONJONCTION REPORTED NOT CRITICAL

Harold Climo this morning received a letter informing him that his son, Pte. Gilbert R. Climo, whose name recently appeared in the casualty list, had sustained a gun shot wound in the back, which was quite serious, but not critical.

## MAJOR PORTER, MAJOR WIDEMAN AND LIEUTENANT REGINALD IN THE CASUALTY LIST

Recent casualty lists indicate that a certain New Brunswick infantry battalion which has won an enviable name at the front has suffered severely in the recent heavy fighting. In addition to the men from this province who have been killed or wounded, a former member of the battalion recognizes in the casualty lists the names of many others from other provinces who had been transferred to this unit in reinforcement drafts.



## Two More St. John Men In The Hero List

PTE. FRANK L. PORTMORE. Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action.

PTE. HARRY S. ARBING. Reported missing and believed killed in action on April 9.

## PT. A. BREEN WRITES HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Not Determined at Time of Writing, What Young St. John Soldier's Trouble Was

Dear Mother: This letter follows from the Hill Hospital, England.

No doubt you will be surprised to learn that I am back in England and no doubt your anxiety will be somewhat relieved. I was brought here yesterday. I was sent to hospital after the first battle of Vimy Ridge in which the Canadians won a great victory, and no doubt you have heard about it over there, before this.

I am in pretty bad shape and expect it will be some time before I am fixed again. I don't know what is wrong with me. My nerves are all gone and I am very weak. Have been a bed patient now for ten days. I was in three different hospitals in France in eight days. In one hospital they told me I had shell shock, in the second they said it was concussion and in the last they said it was trench fever. They have not said anything here yet. I was just landed here when a Canadian lady in charge of Canadian Red Cross came to see me. She had my name and number and I heard her enquiring for me when she was coming down the ward. She brought me a lovely Red Cross kit with shaving brush, razor, soap, cigarettes and writing tablet.

I am writing this in bed and my hand is so shaky that I can hardly write straight. Well, mother, as my head is aching I am afraid I will have to close. Hoping to hear from you soon. I will love you.

Your son,  
ALBAN.

## TURKS SAY THEY'VE DEFEATED RUSSIANS

Constantinople, May 14, via London, May 15.—The following official announcement was given out here today: "Of the two Russian detachments which crossed the border (Mesopotamian front), the northern one was driven back to the other bank after a short fight on May 9. The other detachment was first checked in its attack by our troops operating on the west bank, who surrounded it to the north and south. Our troops then attacked the Russians and forced them to retreat. There were heavy losses."

## TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Chicago at Boston, clear, 8.15 p. m.; Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Cincinnati at Brooklyn, clear, 8.30 p. m.; St. Louis at New York, clear, 8.30 p. m.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER BREWERIES, SAYS EXPRESS

London, May 15.—According to the Daily Express, the government has taken a definite step in the direction of state control of the liquor traffic by deciding to assume charge of the breweries.

## PRODUCTION OF BIG SHELLS ON THIS CONTINENT CEASES

British Factories Able to Turn Out All Needed But Works Here Kept Ready in Case of Need—Work on Small Shells Goes on as Usual

Ottawa, May 15.—The production of big shells on this continent is now at an end. The production of the national factories in Great Britain has become so great that the importation of heavy shells, that is 8-inch and 9.2 shells from the United States has ceased altogether. No further quantity is actually required from Canada. This information is authoritative.

However, in order to keep the Canadian factories as a reserve, arrangement has been made with many of them to spread out the balance of their contracts over a longer period. This will decrease the weekly production but will keep the factories going longer, so that they will be available, if there should be a demand again for increased production, which is unlikely.

As for the smaller sizes of shells, there is no change in the situation and production of these will continue as usual.

## THE CANADIAN CASUALTIES SINCE APRIL 9 WERE 18,365

Monday Night's List of Maritime Province Men Killed and Wounded

Ottawa, May 15.—A list of 216 casualties issued last night brings the total among the Canadians since April 9 to 18,365.

## SAYS GERMANS HAVE SOME 325 SUBMARINES

Member of Crew Says These at Sea Assembled at Given Point Each Morning For Wireless Orders

Amsterdam, May 15, via London.—The Germans have about 325 submarines in operation and about eighty to 100 have been lost through British nets, according to the Telegram, which prints an interview with a member of the crew of the submarine U-58. This is the submarine which sank Dutch grain ships in February. It is commanded by Captain Count von Platen.

When it was the submarines assembled at a given point every morning and receive wireless instructions, presumably from Heligoland. There are about thirty-five U-boats of the newest type, each carrying a crew of fifty-six men, and this fleet is supplemented by a secondary squadron marked with a "U". The first-class boats have a speed calculated as sufficient to overtake any cargo boat. Two-thirds of their crews are experienced and one-third novices. The boats carry a fortnight's stores and have a maximum period of submergence of from eight to ten hours. Each is equipped with two periscopes. Sometimes the boats descend to from thirty to fifty metres.

## PT. E. BROWN IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Edward Brown of 156 Mill street has received word that her son, Pte. Edgar, had been admitted to St. Luke's War Hospital, Halifax, Eng., suffering with rheumatism contracted while in an American League unit and was drafted into another fighting regiment. He has seen considerable active service and is being daily looking for it. Private Brown was a member of the A. O. H. cadets in this city. The letter follows: "Frensham Hill Hospital, England."

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