

BRITISH RECAP IN ALL OLD PLACES

Forced to Withdraw, They Counter-attacked and Re-won Ground---French Also Throw Back Enemy Assaulting Waves.

London, May 11.—The Germans, returning to the attack today against the new British position south of the Souchez River, forced the British to give ground and withdraw from a portion of the front, says the British official communication issued tonight. Later, however, in a counter-attack, the British regained all their old positions, the Germans suffering heavy casualties.

The British Report
London, May 11.—The official communication says: "Early this morning the enemy launched a third attack, in which they again employed flamethrowers, upon our new positions south of the Souchez River. "After severe fighting lasting some three hours, the weight of the enemy's repeated assaults compelled our troops to withdraw from a portion of the front attacked. This afternoon, our troops counter-attacked and recaptured the whole of the lost trenches. As a result of his three attacks, the enemy suffered heavy losses. Our positions remain unchanged. "The activity in the air continued yesterday. Three German airplanes were brought down in air fights and three others were driven down out of control. Two of our machines are missing."

WOULD ELECTRIFY NATIONAL ROADS

Sir Adam Beck Discusses Majority Report of Railway Commission.

ELECTRIFICATION WINS U. S. Railways That Have Made Experiment Are Extending Its Use.

Sir Adam Beck was one of those who listened with evident interest to the address of Sir Henry Drayton made before the Canadian Club on Thursday last, when the latter entered into an exhaustive explanation and defence of the majority report of the Dominion Railway Commission. In an interview yesterday, Sir Adam expressed his opinion with regard to the majority report of the commission and its effect on the hydro. He said: "I feel more than ever that we were justified in the stand that we took at Hamilton when we asked the city council not to approve of the location of the Canadian Northern Railway and to turn Hamilton until the report of the commission appointed to investigate the railway situation in the municipality was made, feeling, as we did, that there would be no necessity of constructing the line from Toronto to Hamilton and the Falls, and which would require further large borrowings on the part of the Canadian Northern Railway, and which would not be necessary if the two railways were consolidated."

"What do you think would be the effect upon the hydro situation if the government concludes to carry out the majority report of the commission?" Sir Adam was asked.

Electrification Justified.
"That would depend largely upon the principle on which the government decides it will operate the railways and the motive power it intends to use. I am inclined to think that the government would be justified in electrifying the main lines, and make it possible for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission on behalf of the municipalities to take over and electricity a considerable portion of the lines, including branch lines outside Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Railway, which will avoid a large amount of wasteful duplication, and in my opinion largely facilitate the electrification of the hydro-electric radial railway enterprise in the province. I am sure that J. W. Lyon, the president of the Hydro Electric Power Commission, and the members of the union, with whom I have had various conferences in connection with this matter, are heartily in accord with this policy and agree with me fully as to the favorable effect it will have on the radial railway project, which they have so loyally supported since the introduction of legislation enabling the municipalities through the commission to undertake the construction and operation of radial railways in this province."

A Success on U. S. Roads.
Sir Adam justified the electrification of the railways more than ever since his return from the west, where, in company with the chief engineer of the commission, he investigated various electric railway systems, including the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, which have in operation a heavy freight and passenger business over 400 miles in length, and are now electrifying an additional 250 miles. The enthusiasm of the company's officials is unbounded, indicating President H. P. Earling and Chief Engineer Goodnow, who was a steam railway man and pessimistic about electrification. In substance they say that they have solved the coal supply for the railway for the next 100 years to come at a cost in operation at least one-third of steam operation. They have released one-third of their total equipment formerly required for the transportation of the fuel for their own use and have approximately doubled the output of the single track line. Snow troubles are practically eliminated, and the extreme cold has little effect on operation.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK.
London, May 11.—The Norwegian foreign office today reported the sinking by German submarines of three Norwegian steamships, says a despatch from Christiania to the United States agency. The vessels were the Tora Jar, of 1094 tons gross, the Voss, of 2422 tons gross, and the Nydala, a new vessel of 3030 tons gross.

CANADIANS FIGHT FOE ALONG SOUCHEZ RIVER

Germans Retook Part of French in Morning's Onslaught.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, May 11.—The enemy attacked with vigor last night and again this morning the sector of the trench west of Avion, which we captured Thursday morning. In this morning's attack the Germans retook part of the trench. Fighting is still in progress, and at the time of filing this it was spreading to the south.

Artillery activity during the night was exceptionally heavy, and on the north end of the line, near Souchez River, the enemy used flame projectors against our trenches.

MONTREAL TO WELCOME JOFFRE NEXT SUNDAY
Monster Parade of Troops Will Greet Great French Leader.

Montreal, May 11.—Marshal Joffre is expected to arrive in Montreal about 11 o'clock Sunday morning. "In the region of Cerny-en-Laonnois, the Germans, after a violent bombardment, attacked simultaneously our positions on both sides of the village. Our barrage and the fire of machine guns smashed the assaulting waves, which were unable to reach our positions. The enemy was then driven back. Some enemy formations, which succeeded in gaining a foothold on a front of about 200 metres in an advanced element, were thrown back by an immediate counter-attack of our troops. "The artillery fire has continued very spirited on this section of the front. "In the Argonne, toward Bolante, we carried out a surprise attack on the enemy lines and brought back some prisoners. Intermittent cannonading is reported on the rest of the front. "Aviation.—On the tenth instant our pilots brought down five enemy airplanes in aerial combats. Four of them were driven down out of control, and one was forced to land after having sustained serious damage. "Belgian communication: In the course of the night a Belgian force, repulsed by its fire, a German patrol which was attempting to creep toward our lines in the region of the south of Huyvaux. The usual activity of the artillery and the trench mortars is reported."

BULGARS BEATEN SOUTH OF HUMA

French Troops Brilliantly Carried and Held Difficult Terrain.

SERBS MAKE HEADWAY Two Enemy Works Have Been Captured North of Pojar.

Paris, May 11.—The following official communication was issued to-day: "The army of the east: On the tenth instant on the west of the Vardar River and on very difficult terrain, our troops brilliantly carried Serbo-Legion to the south of Huma, and maintained themselves there despite violent counterattacks by the Bulgarians. "To the north of the Serbians have captured two enemy works. Spirited artillery actions are reported in the Cerna Bend and in the sector of Monastir. "The fighting of the tenth-eleventh instant, the allied armies captured 300 prisoners, among them seven officers and three machine guns. According to reports by prisoners the enemy suffered considerable losses. A great number of enemy bodies fill the trenches and strew the ground."

RUSSIAN THIEVES ASK CHANCE TO REFORM
Bystander at Mass Meeting Loses Purse, But Thieves Reimburse Him.

Petrograd, May 10, via London, May 11.—A mass meeting of thieves was held at the Don-on-the-Don to demand a share in the new law and a chance to turn over a new leaf. The chief of the local militia and the president of the thieves' union were present. The thieves' union is a collection of the council of workmen and soldiers' deputies were present on invitation. "One of the bystanders complained that he had been relieved of his purse containing six rubles. The thieves roundly protested that it was not the work of a professional, and took up the collection to reimburse the victim."

St. Regis Hotel, Montreal, Is in Hands of Liquidator

Montreal, May 11.—The St. Regis Hotel Company of West St. Catherine street has gone into liquidation. Alexander Desmarais is provisional liquidator. A new manager is in charge and the business is being carried on by him.

Spain, Youthful Murderer, Will Escape the Gallows

Ottawa, May 11.—John Spain, the 16-year-old boy who was to have been hanged Tuesday next for the murder of a man named Vincent and his wife recently, will escape the gallows. The youth of the boy is the only extenuating circumstance, as never in Great Britain or Canada has the death sentence been inflicted on a young criminal. The boy's father is at the front. There have been many petitions, and the matter has been discussed in the house of commons.

SATURDAY AT DINEEN'S
Saturday has always been Men's Hat Day at Dineen's. This week a raincoat special is added to the list of attractions. English Paramatta and Tweed Raincoats, regular value \$15, reduced to \$9.95. Another class of imported English Raincoats, regularly worth \$18 to \$20, for \$14.50. Hats and caps also greatly reduced. Any \$3.50 line in the store for \$1.95 and all these lines are practically unreplaceable. English Tweed caps all reduced to half price. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

CARSON DESCRIBES FIGHTING U-BOATS

Navy Performs Gallant Deeds in Patrolling High Seas.

KEEP FACTS SECRET Admiralty Officials Will Not Alter Present Form of Reports.

London, May 11.—The following official statement is issued: "At today's secret session, the house of commons proceeded to consider the report on the vote of credit for £500,000, which had been agreed to in committee Thursday night. "A. J. White called attention to naval affairs in the Mediterranean, and asked for better organization, and for consideration of the high commands on that sea. "Commander Bellairs pressed for a more vigorous naval offensive, younger personnel in naval commands, greater rapidity in approval of the promotions, and a quicker response to important applications to the admiralty. "Sir Henry Blandford demanded that, in addition to the king's recent proclamation, a further appeal should be made to the country to economize food, and asked a number of questions, ranging over many topics connected with the past, present and future of the war. "Sir Edward Carson (first lord of the admiralty) said he welcomed constructive criticism, but deprecated attacks, made sometimes for interested motives, on the navy, outside of the house. He related some recent facts of gallantry and resource on the part of our patrols which had accounted for German submarines. He expressed the wish that he could publish every one of them, and explained the reasons why, in the higher interests of the war, it was necessary to keep them secret. "Over West Sea Areas. "He described the vast area over which the operations of the navy were being carried out. He pointed out that trifling incidents should be criticized with a true sense of their perspective. He gave information about the activity in ability in organization in anti-submarine warfare; explained how it was proposed to meet the war office demands for more resources, and the situation being given to mercantile shipping. "The tonnage losses of the allies and neutrals for each of the last three months was valued at \$200,000,000. Sir Edward declined to alter the form in which the weekly losses are made public, which, he said, had been agreed upon among the allies. "Winston Spencer Churchill referred with satisfaction to the chief features of the debate, and, also he said he was not wholly convinced by the prime minister's speech, he thought that the demand for a secret sitting had been well justified. "Premier Lloyd George gave some figures on the food reserves in the country, and again, while expressing a favorable view of the general situation, he pointed out the importance of the most extensive cultivation of the land. The report on the resolution of the committee was agreed to unanimously and the house adjourned."

SMALL U. S. COMMISSION WILL BUY FOR ALLIES
Will Handle Billions of Dollars, Preventing Competition.

Washington, May 11.—An international agreement under which there will be placed in the hands of a small commission, possibly of one man, the purchasing power of every dollar of the billions to be loaned the allies by this government and the additional billions which they will spend in this country out of their own income, is at present in process of formulation. "The commission will co-operate with these and other departments in making its purchases for the allies, and will have the sole right to bid for the goods and services which the allies will take the next place, and after they are satisfied, it is expected that a residue of production will be available for neutral countries."

WARNS STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK
British Government Tells Engineers Idleness Must Not Continue.

MUNITIONS NEEDED

Stoppage of Labor Comes at Inopportune Time in War.

London, May 11.—The government tonight issued a grave warning to munition workers saying that it cannot permit strikes to continue and aggravate the delay in the production of munitions. "All loyal citizens, therefore, are called upon to resume work immediately, and the government gives notice that all persons inciting to the stoppage of work on munitions are liable under the defence of the realm act, to conviction for an offence entailing the penalty of life servitude or less punishment, as may be awarded. "The notice, embodying the warning, has been posted in all affected centres and explains the stoppage of work, which it says was clearly unauthorized by the trade unions, and occurred at a time when the need for munitions was greater than at any previous time."

MUNITION PLANT BURNED TO GROUND
Much Valuable Machinery Destroyed by Rapidly Spreading Flames.

Arthur Henderson, member of the British cabinet without portfolio, on Thursday issued a statement revealing the existence of strikes of engineers in various parts of England. Mr. Henderson's statement was given out after a conference of trade unionists connected with the engineering and shipbuilding industries. Government ministers addressed the conference, and declared that the measures adopted by the government for the dilution of private labor were only emergency war measures. The conference passed a resolution deprecating the strikes.

SEVERAL NATIONALISTS MAY GIVE UP SEATS
Success of Sinn Feiners Has Greatly Complicated Irish Situation.

London, May 11.—The Daily Telegraph's parliament lobby correspondent says that the Sinn Fein members of the Nationalist party are threatening to resign their seats in the house of commons. "According to The Times, the South Langford election, in which a Sinn Fein member won the seat, has not altered the government's attitude toward an Irish settlement but there is little doubt that it will cause the ministers to modify their views on the practicability of country option or any similar form of partition. The Nationalist members, says The Times, are talking of desperate measures. A confidential source is prepared to advise the party, if the government proposals concerning their view are fair and practicable, to resign in a body and appeal to their constituencies for a mandate to accept the proposals."

SWEDEN TAKES FURTHER STEP AGAINST ALCOHOL
Private Saloons Abolished and Trade in Wine and Beer Forbidden.

Stockholm, May 11.—(Via London.)—Sweden has taken a further step in the restriction of the sale of alcoholic beverages. Under a law adopted by the riksdag, effective Jan. 1, 1918, the present system of selling distilled liquors is extended to cover wines and beer. This means that each customer will have to be equipped with a pass-book, in which his purchases will be entered. Private saloons will also be abolished, and private trade in wine and beer and the importation of wine and beer by individuals are forbidden.

INTREPID AVIATOR CAPT. BALL MISSING

Winner of More Than Hundred Air Battles and Decorations; Last Seen Monday.

Nottingham, May 11.—Captain Albert Ball, of the British flying squadron, who recently received the freedom of the City of Nottingham for having brought down German airplanes, has been missing since Monday, according to a letter received by his father.

Captain Ball, whose time ago was awarded the distinguished service order medal, was credited with having brought down twenty-nine German airplanes. He was said to have fought more than one hundred air battles before he reached his twentieth birthday.

NOTED GUESTS RECEIVE HONORS IN NEW YORK
Brilliant Assemblage at Civic Banquet Tendered Balfour, Joffre, Viviani and Associates—Patriotic Crowds Watch Arrival of Visitors.

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The distinguished representatives of America's allies in the war against Germany, arrived at the Waldorf-Astoria in one party. The streets on all sides of the hotel were literally packed with men and women, eager to pay their respects to the city's heroes. The double rows of electric lights upon the front of the hotel were the flags of the three nations represented, while far up and down famed Fifth Avenue the double rows of street lamps, gleaming through golden globes, brought out a sea of flags floating over panels of lines of patriotic citizens, who jammed the sidewalks on both sides for a mile and a half.

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More Canadians Decorated
Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, May 11.—The following decorations for Canadian soldiers have been gazetted. The decorated men belong to the infantry unless otherwise stated:

Distinguished Service Medal—Major John Hector Brown during a raid on the enemy trenches took charge of an assault party of 150 men, and was exposed to heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing nine and killing six of the enemy. Major Herbert Victor Rorke while in command of a raiding party captured 14 prisoners, and was exposed to heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing nine and killing six of the enemy.

Major Alexander Douglas Wilson owing to the fearless leading and the sound training of his battalion carried out his task with conspicuous success.

Bar to Military Cross—Lieut. Thomas Brown Barrie led a patrol of 600 yards of the enemy's line and inflicted many casualties with coolness and gave great inspiration to his patrol.

Military Cross—Lieut. Lester Blerly Husband organized his men at a critical time, clearing the enemy trench and capturing 14 prisoners.

Lieut. Guy Stuart McLennan, who twice wounded, continued to lead his men, who were inspired by his fine personal example.

Lieut. Harry Farnham Gernamine with great courage and determination, led his men forward in the face of intense hostile fire, the severely wounded.

Many Fines Exploited.
Lieut. William Edmond Purpore, who was wounded, continued to lead his men, and was exposed to heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing nine and killing six of the enemy.

Lieut. Evan Edwards (Draughtsman) led his troop, attacked a party of the enemy while exposed to heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing nine and killing six of the enemy.

Capt. Philip Charles Stanley led his men gallantly and entered an enemy trench in the face of a determined opposition, the severely wounded.

Lieut. George Melville Taylor (Engineer) organized demolition parties with ability, and the wounded continued to direct his men.

Lieut. William Wallace (Toronto) led a party 400 yards behind the enemy front line trenches, inflicting heavy casualties.

Capt. Arthur Vincent Wood controlled patrols with marked ability, and effected a successful withdrawal from difficult conditions.

C.S.M. Walter Titus Schmei gave invaluable assistance to his commander, with a magnificent example, while severely wounded.

NO INTENT TO PREFER.
Judge Decides for Defendants in Insolvency Case.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday Mr. Justice Mastron dismissed with costs the action of the Canadian Johns Manville, Limited, against Knight Bros. Limited, and W. G. Hunt and against Henry Knight of Burk's Falls and W. G. Hunt of Cochrane, Ont., to set aside transfers of land made by the defendant, Hunt, to his co-defendants. Plaintiff alleged that the conveyance of the land, which is situated in the Township of Glackmeyer, District of Timiskaming, was given to defendant in order to prefer him over other creditors, of whom plaintiff was one to the extent of \$365. The judgment found that there was no intent to prefer.

CITY IS SUING RAILWAY FOR SHARE OF EARNINGS
Mr. Justice Lennox at Osgoode Hall yesterday heard the action of the city, which is seeking to recover from the Toronto Railway Co. the full amount of the twenty per cent. of the gross receipts for the month of May, 1915. The city claims \$95,852.25 from the company, including the twenty per cent. gross receipts for the month of May, 1915. The city claims \$95,852.25 from the company, including the twenty per cent. gross receipts for the month of May, 1915. The city claims \$95,852.25 from the company, including the twenty per cent. gross receipts for the month of May, 1915.

AWAR
In the court of common pleas, Judge Lennox yesterday awarded a sum of \$100 to the plaintiff, who was suing the defendant for damages for the loss of a horse and carriage. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant was negligent in the way in which he drove his horse and carriage, and that this negligence caused the plaintiff's horse and carriage to be injured. The judge found in favor of the plaintiff, and awarded him the sum of \$100.

FIRST
The first of the series of lectures on the history of the city of Toronto, which were given by the Toronto Historical Society, was given by Mr. J. W. Lyon, president of the society, and was attended by a large number of people. The lecture was very interesting, and was well received by the audience.

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