

SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE REGION ABOUT FRESNOY

MANY TEUTON WARRIORS FALL IN NO MAN'S LAND

Enemy Launches Attacks in Force in Region Northeast of Fresnoy Village and Penetrates Canadian Lines at Terrible Cost to Himself—Huns Retake Fresnoy.

Canadian Headquarters in Fresnoy, via London, May 8, (By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)—After a heavy bombardment including the discharge of a large number of gas shells, the enemy this morning launched an attack in force in the region to the northeast of Fresnoy village, held by the Canadian corps. In the first rush our line was penetrated. The Germans did not long retain their advantage.

A counter-attack was at once organized, and by seven-thirty, after two hours of sharp fighting, the line occupied before the attack was re-established, except for a small projecting angle at the extreme east of the position. Severe fighting continued in the region about Fresnoy, and later the town was abandoned. Germans Destroyed. Canadian Headquarters in Fresnoy, via London, May 8, (By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)—The capture of an important

sector of the enemy's trench west of Avion on Sunday morning stirred him up to vigorous action, which resulted disastrously for him. After heavy shelling of our new position, to prevent its consolidation, the Germans, Monday afternoon, delivered spirited counter-attacks across the open country between Avion and our line. Two columns took part in an attempt to penetrate our line. One of a man of the five hundred or more who attempted to recover the Canadian ground reached the first line trench. The rear waves, as they issued from the shelter afforded by the Arras road, were caught by our barrage, which was quickly turned upon them. A thin line of men, all that were left of the first wave of the assault, reached the slope in front of our trench. There they came under the concentrated machine gun and rifle fire, which destroyed all who persisted in going forward. The enemy's losses were very severe. Seriously wounded, as well as the dead, had to lie where they fell in No Man's Land.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER THE LIQUOR TRADE?

London, May 7.—An order will be issued in the near future providing that the waste of any kind of food shall be punishable offence. Captain Charles Bathurst, parliamentary secretary of the food controllers' department, made this announcement today in the House of Commons. Discussion in the house on the work of the liquor control board, which is to open tomorrow, is awaited with considerable interest, as the government probably will indicate its policy toward the liquor trade. A lively controversy is looked for between the advocates of total prohibition and government purchase. The Pall Mall Gazette says it is rumored, in quarters generally well informed, that the government contemplates introducing a measure for state purchase of the liquor trade.

Poor Old Folks—

Looks as if they'll have to go "over the hill to the Poor-house." Their children either can't or won't support them. Tragic? Yes! But not half so tragic as the old folks' remembrance of the fact that their present plight is due to their lack of foresight in not making provision for their declining years.

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RED CROSS WORK MUST BE KEPT UP

That there is an imperative need for continued activity in all departments of Red Cross work is a fact that must not be forgotten, no matter how excellent may be the reports read at the meetings of branches, circles or clubs where Red Cross supplies are made. This was the message from headquarters and from overseas that was emphasized at the regular monthly meeting of the Local Red Cross Branch, held on Monday afternoon, at the rooms on Chipman Hill. It is difficult to realize that the work done in St. John effects the upkeep of the hospitals in France, but such is a fact, any falling off here means that a promise to send 5,000 cases monthly to France from the Canadian office in London cannot be sustained. Its fulfillment depends upon the continual effort of the women in Canada.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the president, Mrs. John McAvity, called for the reports from the different departments. Mrs. F. S. White, for the needworkers, said that 2,998 articles had been received during the month. Among these were 469 pyjama suits (a very large number, as the finished article in this case means two garments); 129 hospital shirts; 58 quilts; 201 comfort bags; 9 dressing gowns; 1,247 towels and 514 binders. In addition to these articles were a number of other supplies asked for from headquarters in more or less large quantities. There is a demand for the following articles in unlimited quantities: Socks, pyjamas, dressing gowns, housewives, towels, pillow-slips, sheets, gauze and cotton in bulk, bed socks, either knitted or made from any warm washable material. The majority of these articles are on hand at the Red Cross depot, and it is earnestly hoped that during the summer months the work will be not allowed to fall off.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, May 8.—Fred and Charles Hartley are spending a few days with their parents and Mrs. Charles Morris of Albert. It is the intention of the latter to reside in St. John in an early date. Mr. Odell Stiles has purchased a Ford car from W. H. Martin, agent. Rev. H. E. DeWolfe and wife and child left on Wednesday to spend a few days in Margate, N. S., before taking up their residence in St. George, where Mr. DeWolfe will be pastor of the Baptist church.

100 YEARS AGO.

To the Editor of The Standard: I have in my possession an old paper published in St. John June 12, 1816, called the City Gazette, and I find the following note recorded: "We learn from good authority that a considerable quantity of snow fell at Sussex Vale and vicinity the night before last and yesterday morning. The season, we are sorry to learn, has been uncommonly backward throughout the province and many parts the farmer has been obliged to fodder his cattle as regularly as in the winter. Butter, we are told, sold at the enormous price of 2s. 6d (60c) per lb. within the last week in the country market.

PERCY MURPHY'S

Percy Murphy of Margateville, who has spent the winter in Albert is home again. Mrs. H. E. DeWolfe, left for home this week. The trustees have notified the ratepayers of District No. 2 that a special school house will be held in the school house on May 21 at eight o'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of starting a school garden.

PENNFIELD RIDGE

Pennfield Ridge, May 7.—Miss Elthen MacDowell spent a few days the week in St. George. Mr. Gerald McKay is spending some time in St. John. Miss Charlotte MacDowell spent a few days in St. George last week. Messrs. G. Blair Parris, James Boyd, Gerald McKay and Dyer Dunbar made a flying trip to St. George on Tuesday by motor, attending the field there. Section Foreman H. C. McKay has taken on an extra lot of men on account of the railway track being in such a bad condition on account of frost coming out of ground. Mr. Samuel A. McKay spent Thursday in Beaver Harbor. Mr. Hazen Cawley has returned to St. John after a very pleasant visit to relatives here. Mr. Charles Johnson and bride passed through here on Monday en route to Black's Harbor, where they will reside. Mr. James Mawhinney and son, Arthur Lepreau, spent a few days

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

Groceries.	
Sugar, standard	88.75 @ 88.80
Rice	5.75 @ 6.00
Tapioca	0.13 1/2 @ 0.14
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	9.00 @ 9.10
White	9.25 @ 9.30
Corn	1.50 @ 1.75
Herring, kippered	0.90 @ 1.00
Cream of Tartar	0.49 @ 0.51
Currants, cleaned	0.20 @ 0.21
Nolasses	0.61 @ 0.62
Black split bags	7.75 @ 7.80
Barley, pot. bags	5.75 @ 6.00
Common, gran.	0.00 @ 3.25
Raisins—	
Cheese, seeded	0.11 1/2 @ 0.12
Fancy, seeded	0.12 1/4 @ 0.12 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	1.25 @ 1.35
Soda, bicarb.	2.40 @ 2.45
Flours	
Manitoba	0.00 @ 15.40
Ontario	0.00 @ 14.65
Ontario, standard	0.00 @ 0.00
Beef—	
Osmeal, rolled	0.00 @ 0.50
Cornmeal, bags	2.10 @ 3.15
Canned Goods.	
Baked—	
Raisins	2.40 @ 2.50
String	1.45 @ 1.60
Beef—	
Corned 15	2.00 @ 3.50
Corned 25	1.00 @ 2.00
Pineapple—	
Sliced	2.40 @ 2.45
Whole	2.30 @ 2.35
Pears	1.40 @ 1.50
Peaches, 24	2.44 @ 2.50
Plums, Lombard	1.30 @ 1.35
Raspberries	2.70 @ 2.75
Turkey	6.50 @ 7.00
Cocoas	9.25 @ 9.50
Red Spring	10.00 @ 10.25
Clams	5.80 @ 6.40
Oysters—	
1 1/2	1.75 @ 1.80
2 1/2	2.75 @ 2.80
Salmon—	
Tomatoes	2.35 @ 2.40
Strawberries	2.50 @ 2.55
Provisions.	
Pork, Can. mess	50.00 @ 51.00
Pork, Am. clear	52.00 @ 53.00
Pork, Am. plate	37.00 @ 38.00
Lard, pure	0.28 1/4 @ 0.28 1/2
Lard, comp. tubs	0.21 1/4 @ 0.21 1/2
Meats, Etc.	
Country	0.09 @ 0.14
Butchers'	0.14 @ 0.18
Western	0.16 1/4 @ 0.20
Eggs, case	0.35 @ 0.36
Eggs, fresh	0.36 @ 0.40
Cheese, Can.	0.23 @ 0.28 1/4
Turkey, per lb.	0.30 @ 0.35
Pork	0.17 @ 0.20
Veal	0.18 @ 0.20
Mutton	0.12 @ 0.16
Butter—	
Tab	0.35 @ 0.40
Roll	0.42 @ 0.45
Chickens, per lb.	0.25 @ 0.38
Potatoes, bbl.	6.50 @ 7.00
Fish.	
Medium	8.60 @ 8.75
Small	5.80 @ 5.75
Pinan haddies	0.09 @ 0.12
Herring—	
Gr. Manan, bbls.	6.75 @ 8.50
Haddock	0.00 @ 0.10
Halibut	0.00 @ 0.18
Fruits, Etc.	
Almonds	0.21 @ 0.22
Bananas	2.50 @ 3.50
Walnuts	0.18 @ 0.19
Dates, new	0.00 @ 0.12
Lenons	0.18 @ 0.20
Calif. Oranges	3.50 @ 4.00
Bermuda Onions	0.00 @ 4.50
Peanuts, roasted	0.15 @ 0.18
Oats, Feed, Etc.	
Oats, per bushel	0.85 @ 0.90
Oats, car lots, bush.	0.85 @ 0.85
Bran, car lots, bags	47.00 @ 48.00
Hay, car lots, ton	14.50 @ 16.00
Middlings, sm. bbls.	50.00 @ 52.00
Oils, Etc.	
Lard Oil	0.09 @ 0.18 1/4
Royallite	0.18 1/4 @ 0.20
Premier motor gaso.	0.00 @ 0.24 1/4
Line A.	0.00 @ 0.35 1/4
Palatine	0.00 @ 0.12 1/2
Turpentine	0.00 @ 0.77
—By barrel, \$2 charged.	
Hides, Skins, Etc.	
Hides	0.20 @ 0.21 1/4
Calfskins	0.00 @ 0.50
Lambskins	1.50 @ 2.00
Wool, washed	0.47 @ 0.50
Tallow	0.09 @ 0.12

PETITCODIAC

Petitcodiac, May 8.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Wright on Saturday evening, when a number of school friends gave a surprise party in honor of Sapper Fleming Wright and presented him with a handsome remembrance. After the games of the evening refreshments were served. Sapper Wright will depart in a few days for his training depot in Quebec.

McADAM

McAdam, May 8.—The McAdam Dramatic Club played "Tony, the Convict" before a crowded house last Tuesday evening. The parts were well taken and much credit is due the young people who made up the cast. The proceeds, which amounted to over eighty dollars are to be used for a returned soldiers' fund. The first troop trains to come from the west via C. P. R. passed through here last week. The battalions took recreation and rest from travelling in marching around the town. All present a very fine appearance.

BATH

Bath, May 7.—There was no service in the Baptist church Sunday, the church having given Rev. G. W. Brooker, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., a call, which he is accepting.

The farmers are beginning this week to put in crop; the ground is yet wet in many places. C. M. Sherwood, of Centreville, is removing to this place. The schools are making preparation to observe Arbor Day on the 11th of next month. A very large congregation assembled at the Methodist church recently to be present at the Memorial Service for Herbert Drost, killed in action at the front. His parents have the sympathy of the entire community. Arthur Drost is building a garage on the site of the Ezekiel S. Second place where the latter's house was burned a few years ago. C. F. Gallagher made a visit to Perth and Andover on Friday last. The meeting of the Consolidated Telephone Company takes place soon. This company have extended their lines and improved in every respect very much in the last year, and have now, owing to the excellent management and good service, given upwards of 250 phones, connecting all the various settlements and villages in the upper part of Carleton county, and have connection with the Farmers' Telephone Company with good connection to Hartland and Woodstock.

DIED.

LITTLE—In this city, on the 8th inst., at 29 St. Paul street, Mrs. Sarah Little, aged 73 years, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral notice later.

DAVIDSON—In this city on the 8th inst., John H. Davidson, son of the late Gilbert Davidson, aged 56 years, leaving his wife, one son, one daughter and three sisters to mourn. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:15 p. m., from his late residence, 78 Dechester street. Service at the Knox church 2:45 p. m.

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Protest Made by United States Cons—Canadian Party—Trouble in Province Largely Negro Rebels.

New York, May 8.—Cuban negroes are burning the homes and districts of Palmarillo, B. randa, Oriente province twenty-four Americans who arrived here today. ed that there will be a white residents remaining United States intervened ed that the Cuban goy verless to the coup of Most of the robes w only the clothes they w

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The accusations were by an appeal for aid sic Americans remaining occupied by the rebels. The threat of a march tained in the statement the appeal, alleged to be written by General Blad stant Laid. "You will holter loud will destroy until your be heard in Washington American intervention, being we will not fight ment troops, and we will unless you oppose us. fighting now with the torturing and organizing "But if Menocal does May 20 we will fight have 15,000 rebels in all well-armed and the vince will become a Government gas p intervention."

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