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French Capture Woods on Avre; Foe Guns Active North of Kemmel

German Artillery Fire Increasing South of Albert—Hun Emperors Select Monarchs For Lithuania, Courland, Esthonia and Poland—Debate on Emperor Charles' Letter—Soviet Troops Expel Germans From Rostov—Australians Drive the Foe From Foothold Near Morlancourt.

GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE INCREASING AT KEMMEL

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—German artillery fire increased this morning near Morlancourt south of Albert and in Flanders, north of Kemmel, the war office reports.

FOE GUNS BUSY LAST NIGHT

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, (official) May 15.—A raid attempted by the enemy last night north of Lens was repulsed. We carried out another successful raid north east of Robeco, Flanders. The hostile artillery was active during the night in the valleys of the Somme and Aisne north of Bethune and in the area of Nissey station. This morning enemy artillery activity increased south-west of Morlancourt and north of Kemmel.

SOVIET TROOPS DRIVE GERMANS FROM ROSTOV

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
MOSCOW, ROSTOV-ON-DON, May 15.—The largest city in the Don Cossack territory was recaptured last week by Russian Soviet troops who drove out the Germans. The Germans who had held Rostov for only a day are retreating.

EMPERORS SELECT MONARCHS FOR CONQUERED TERRITORY

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—The Austrian and German Emperors at their meeting at German great headquarters, German newspapers say, selected monarchs for Lithuania, Courland, Esthonia and Poland.

DEBATE ON AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S PEACE LETTERS COMING

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—The Manchester Guardian says that the peace offer made to France last year by Austria, as revealed recently in letters written by Emperor Charles to Prince Sixtus will form the subject of debate of the highest importance in the house of commons tomorrow. Since the publication of Emperor Karl's letters the question has been raised whether the Austrian offer should not have received greater attention and especially whether President Wilson should not have been consulted.

FRENCH CAPTURE WOOD ON THE AVRE

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
PARIS, May 15.—French troops yesterday evening attacked German positions near Hollies, on the front below Amiens and captured the wood on the west bank of the Avre river it is announced officially. The Germans made a counter attack and were beaten off with severe losses. During the night there was violent bombardment north of Montdidier and between Montdidier and Noyon.

RUMANIAN CAVALRY ON WAY TO BELGIAN FRONT

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—Reports from Liege says that Rumanian cavalry passed through that town on way to Belgian front.

AUSTRALIANS RETAKE LOST GROUND

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—In an attack on a mile front near Morlancourt the Germans penetrated British positions at one place. Australians later recaptured lost positions, capturing fifty prisoners.

DR. BELAND AND VON BUELOW EXCHANGED

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
OTTAWA, May 15.—Dr. Beland was exchanged for Von Buelow, son of former German Chancellor, who has been interned in England.

U. S. LOANS TO THE ALLIED POWERS

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Secretary McAdoo authorized loans of two hundred million to Great Britain, one hundred million to France, one hundred million to Italy.

FIRST DUTY OF CANADA IS TO REINFORCE LINE

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
OTTAWA, May 14.—Farmers of Ontario and farmers of Quebec presented their view to the government today. It was such a delegation, in its extent, as has rarely, if ever, been seen in the capital before. Twenty-five hundred Ontario farmers jammed the Russell Theatre; outside were a couple of thousand men from Quebec, unable to secure admission. They held an over-flow meeting in the street. For New Brunswick farmers C. L. Smith spoke briefly. It was announced also that a delegation from Manitoba was on the way.

In his reply, the prime minister emphasized the necessity of holding the line on the western front. "I know whereof I am speaking when I tell you," he declared, "that if the channel ports be reached through the breaking of that line it would be, to say the least, extremely problematical whether any of that production of which you speak could be made of service to the allied nations overseas to our men who are holding that line. I regard it as the supreme duty of this government to see that these men, some of whom have been fighting for three years, are sustained by such reinforcements as will enable them to hold that line."

The main spokesman of Ontario farmers was Manning Doherty, of Halton; for Quebec farmers the spokesman was Hon. J. A. Caron, provincial minister of agriculture, although Mr. Caron was careful to point out that he did not come as officially representing the Quebec Government.

By both Mr. Caron and Mr. Doherty it was argued that if the new military regulations cancelling exemptions were put into effect, agricultural production in each province would be reduced by 25 per cent. Mr. Doherty, who presented a memorial from the United Farmers of Ontario, emphasized the need for food production.

SOME CLASS ONE MEN ARE LET OUT

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
An order which practically means the returning to civil life of class one men of ages 20, 21, and 22, who, after reporting for service, are found in lower medical categories than "A" was received yesterday from the government by the Toronto military authorities. The instructions state that men of these ages who on reporting to the colors are found to be below "A" category, shall be given 30 days' leave of absence, during which time the provincial registrar will decide regarding their return to civilian activities. This announcement is in keeping with the government's previous declaration that only the "A" men from 20 to 22 years of age would be used for military service. This action is balanced, however, by the government's decision to use the "B" men of all other ages in class one. Of the men of 20 to 22 years of age so far reporting at Exhibition Camp, seven per cent. were found below "A" category.

OVER MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGE BY FIRE

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
VANCOUVER, May 15.—Fire in Coughlan and Sons shipyards in Fire Creek did damage to extent of from one to two million dollars early this morning. Flames were discovered in the boiler room shortly after 2.30 o'clock and spread rapidly. The fire was practically out at six o'clock. Fireman Cameron was killed by falling walls of the boiler house and there were several minor injuries among the firemen.

WAR AGAINST SUBS. QUITE SATISFACTORY

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 15.—"On the whole the general trend of submarine warfare has progressed quite satisfactorily since the first of January" was the reply of Thomas Macnamara, secretary of the Admiralty to a question as to whether operations in capturing enemy ships around the coast the last three weeks had been satisfactory.

THOUSAND FARMERS STILL IN OTTAWA

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
OTTAWA, May 15.—At least one thousand of the large body of farmers which yesterday received the Government's refusal to amend the Military Service order are still in the City and are embracing hope that they might yet be heard by the Commons.

Concrete Ship Construction

Expert Engineer Tells Board of Trade Something of Boat Building with Concrete.

It was a unique meeting of the Board of Trade that was held last evening. It was the first under the presidency of Lt.-Col. L. W. Marsh. It was held in the Palace Theatre and began at an hour when meetings are usually concluded. In addition it was a very large gathering, about two hundred being present. The feature of the evening was an illustrated address by Mr. F. G. Engholm, C. E., representative of Francois Hennobique of Paris, France, and L. G. Mouchel and Partners of London, England, on the subject of concrete ship-building.

The president of the club, Lt.-Col. L. W. Marsh, asked for a loyal support of the campaign on Monday next, as a result of which it was hoped to raise the membership to at least three hundred or five hundred members. He also referred to the favor which had been shown Belleville by Mr. Engholm in coming to address a gathering on the absorbing topic of concrete ship-building.

At the close of the regular film program at the Palace shortly after ten o'clock, the meeting opened. Mr. Engholm in his opening remarks referred to the preponderance of allied resources, scattered over the entire world, and the German allies under one head. Hence one great problem facing the allies is shipping. He quoted figures to show the gross tonnage of the world at the beginning of the war as being 49 millions. He explained light and dead weight tonnage. It is estimated that in 1918 America will produce four million deadweight tonnage—almost the total of the rest of the world combined. By the new Ship Control Committee's efforts of organization 25 per cent of tonnage has been saved this year.

The cost of reinforced concrete ships is \$120 per dead weight ton, while steel ships cost \$200. Reinforced concrete ships cost slightly more to operate by increased fuel consumption due to greater resistance. But this is not a time to discuss economy of that nature, for the difficulty is getting transportation. The progress of concrete construction is hampered by lack of interest, with a consequent limitation of the knowledge of engineers.

The advantages of concrete construction are: there is much use of unskilled labor, less transportation of material; a steamer can be built in six or eight weeks; greater durability, small cost of maintenance and high monolithic strength of reinforced concrete. This latter was illustrated by photographs of bridges in France and Italy. Motion pictures were thrown on the screen, showing the first concrete ship built "Norway" a vessel of 200 tons; the Namsenfjord; a motorboat with sides one inch thick; and the launching of the ship "Falk," 5,000 tons, at San Francisco. This is the largest concrete ship afloat.

At close the board on motion of ex-Mayor H. P. Ketcheson, seconded by Col. S. S. Lester, voted a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Engholm.

Mr. L. E. Allen tendered an informal dinner at Hotel Quinze last evening to Mr. F. G. Engholm, Civil Engineer, who was the guest of the Board of Trade. The members of the executive of the Board of Trade were present.

Charged With Stealing Thirty Tons Of Flour

Kingston May 15.—Magistrate Farrell committed William Anderson for trial before a judge and jury on a charge of stealing thirty tons of flour from the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Ltd., by whom he was employed as a carter.

Frank Peck of Toronto, sales manager for the milling company, was the chief witness for the prosecution at the preliminary hearing.

Detectives employed by the W. J. Burns detective agency, who caused Anderson's arrest, will be heard at the trial. Peck swore that Anderson went to Toronto two weeks ago and informed him that there was a shortage of about 600 bags of flour at the Kingston warehouse. He came to Kingston and found that there was a shortage of 618 bags, but the case into the hands of the detective, and Anderson's arrest followed.

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GERMANY LAYS MINES DANGEROUS TO SHIPS

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)

LONDON, May 14.—The Admiralty announces, with reference to reports that vessels have been sunk by mines in the Cattegat, and in the neighborhood of the Skaw, that no mines dangerous to merchant shipping have been laid by the British outside the British notified areas, adding:

"Any mines in the above regions which are dangerous to merchant shipping must therefore, with her usual disregard for neutral interests, have been laid by Germany."