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# HUNS THROWN BACK BY COUNTER-ATTACK 55TH YEAR. No. 22079

GEORGE CHARGES MAURICE UNFAIR

ROYALTY AT THE CAMP

# THAN FARMING

If Reinforcements Not Adequate.

DOESN'T EXPLAIN DELAY

Declares Canadians Are Facing Overwhelming Numbers On Western Front.

men between 20 and 22 years of the inclusive.

The statement reaus:
Since the passage of the order-incouncil of April 20, 1918, empowering the governor-in-council to call our men of specified ages regardless of exemptions granted or claimed, numerous representations have been received by members of the Government expressing the view that proposed action will prejudicially affect production in certain industries. Such representations have been received from those engaged in agriculture, in mining, in the production of munitions of war, in shipbuilding, in transportation and other similar activities that are important, if not essential for war purposes. The building, in transportation and other similar activities that are important, if not essential for war purposes. The Government weighed most carefully all these considerations before entering upon the policy above set forth. With a view of interfering as little as possible with production and of providing men who would be most readily available and would be most readily available and would be most efficient for reinforcement of Camadian army in France it was decided in the first instance to call out men from 20 to 22 years, both inclusive:

Must Have More Men.

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The importance of production in the random sessential industries and especially in agriculture, in munitions and in shipbuilding is fully recognized, but all such production is of no avail unless the Canadian forces in France are sustained by adequate reinforcements. It is such aid is not afforded the line cannot be held; and if the line is not held our production will in the end enure to the advantage of Germany rather than of the allied powers.

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"Those who have not been closely in touch with the purpose of the German offensive may fail to realize the tremendous development of submaries. offensive may fall to realize the mendous development of submarine mendous development of submarine warfare which would undoubtedly take place if certain channel ports should pass into German occupation. What portion of our productions could then find a market in Europe would be wholty proplematical. Dodges Delays.

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"There has been undue and unexpected delay in the operation of the M. S. A. from causes upon which it is not necessary to dwell. If the Government does not strictly maintain the policy of abolishing exemptions in the ages called out from time to time, there will appropriate the control of t called out from time to time, there will be renewed and perhaps fatal delay; for exemptions cannot be granzd except after hearing and investigation with consequent appeals, and all the loss of time resulting therefrom.

"The enemy nations are throwing into this war their entire available man power, which has been organized for this purpose during the past fifty years, and which is now concentrated upon the western battlefront chiefly against the British forces which are under attack western battlefrom their many superiors which are under attack by an enormous superiority of numbers. In the midst of that titanic struggle the Canadian nation cannot discharge its duty unless its Government provides the certain means of speedy and sufficient reinforcements. The enemy nations will not await our convenience: and, their fierce onset is not stayed by any conflerce onset is not stayed by the sideration of hardship, loss or sorrow entailed upon us by their effort to dominate the world. Supreme effort and sacrifice are called for. If we fail in these we shall fail in all else."

### McPHEDRAN PRESIDENT

McPhedran of Toronto was yesterday elected president of the Association of American Physicians, which is in annual session in this city. Dr. H. W. Biggs of New York and Dr. Thomas McCrae of Philadelphia were elected vice-president and secretary respective-

### ROUND UP SLACKERS

# PREMIER SAYS BRITISH PREMIER CLAIMS UNFAIRLY TREATED OVER THE MAURICE CHARGES

Thinks Production of No Use Tells Commons General Should Have Come To Him First With Allegations-Asquith Declares He Is Not Intriguing Against the Premier.

> London, May 9.—Premier Lloyd George was cheered loudly when he arose to speak. He said he had been treated unfairly. It was the business of Gen. Maurice to come to the cabinet and point out where the ministers had made mistakes, he declared.

London, May 9 .- In the House of Commons today, former Dottawa, May 9.—"If a scattered and broken remnant, overwhelmed because not reinforced, should return to Canada it would profit little to tell them that while they were being decimated our production had been largely increased." In these words the prime minister, in a statement issued today, sums up the situation at the front in its reation to the order-in-council cancelling the exemptions of Class 1 men between 20 and 22 years of age inclusive.

London, May 9.—In the House of Commons today, former Premier Asquith denied that his motion respecting the Maurice affair was designed to obtain a vote of censure of the Government, saying it was absurd to describe it as such. Should he find it his duty to censure the Government, he said, he hoped that he would have the courage to do so in direct and unequivocal form.

TOO MANY INQUIRIES.

Moving a motion in the Commons for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by Gen. Maurice,

select committee to investigate the charges made by Gen. Maurice, Mr. Asquith said he thought it was not the business of Parliament to constantly inquire into the conduct of successive phases of the war. The House of Commons, he added, had more than enough of such inquiries already.

N. S. and N. B. Fighters Raid Outpost and Inflict Many Casualties.

Canadian Army Headquarters, May 9.

—(By W. A. Willison, Correspondent of
the Canadian Press, Limited).—Early

"[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg. Man., May 9.—Sir Hugh John MacDonald, police magistrate, has ordered wholesale arrests of men enmcPHEDRAN PRESIDENT

OF PHYSICIANS' ASSN.

Atlantic City, May 9.—Dr. Alexander

MCPMEDRAN OF Transfer as a post-order.

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# HUN PLANES AT BELT

Vancouver. B. C., May 9. - Flight Commander Earl Godfrey, born in Killarney, Manitoba, has returned to his home here with seventeen German air- serts. home here with seventeen German airplanes and two observers' balloons to
his credit. Commander Godfrey wears
the Military Cross. He fought more
than fifty engagements and numbered
among his opponents the two famous
German fighters, Boelke and Richthofen.
After a brief furlough he will become
instructor in the fighting school at the
Toronto aerial station.

London, May 9 .- Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—At a meeting of the Unionist war committee it was decided to support the Government in the event of a division on the Maurice affair. It is understood that the Liberal war committee has similarly decided. The Laborites are undecided before the debate. The Nationalist members, who are in Ireland are not expected to return. It is understood that the proposal for the appointment of a judicial tribunal has been abandoned, and that the House will debate the advisability of setting up a select committee of the House of Commons to investigate the matter. Agency.—At a meeting of the Unionist war committee it was decided to sup-

preserving y morning strong raiding parties of Nova Scotia and Now Bruman for a judicial tribunal has been minded the proposed of the proposed for the proposed

HOME RULE BILL DOWN BEFORE WHIT-SUNDAY

London, May 9.—Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.—Right Hon. A. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons last night that he hoped the home rule bill would be introduced before Whit-Sunday.

HERTLING MAY DISSOLVE THE PRUSSIAN CHAMBER

Amsterdam, May 9.—Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor and Prussian premier, has decided to dissolve the Prussian Chamber if the third reading of the franchise reform bill is rejected, the Cologne Gazette as-

IN TURKISH BATHS

New York, May 9.—Four police raiding parties entered ten Turkish baths early this morning and arrested 75 young men who could not produce registration eards. Some of the bathers tried to hide in the steam and the detectives had an uncomfortable time locating them. The raids were made at the request of the federal authorities endeavoring to round up all military slackers.

IN TURKISH BATHS

New York, May 9.—Four police raiding the Military Cross. He fought more than fifty engagements and numbered among his opponents the two famous German fighters, Boeike and Richthofen. After a brief furlough he will become instructor in the fighting school at the Toronto aerial station.

CONSTANTINE BETTER.

Zurich, May 9.—Former King Constantine of Greece has undergone an operation in a Zurich hospital, and is now out of danger. It is believed, however, that his convalescence will be slow. TO GOBBLE FINLAND.



Princess Mary visits Cambridge to inspect the Cambridgeshire Women's Band Army Workers, and to distribute badges and stripes to them for their services. The ceremony took place at the Senate House. Princess Mary handing the service badges and stripes to the land workers.

# ROWELL CANDIDATE CHARGES

"the evidence of things not seen."

Won't Alter Facts.

The hopes and beliefs and expectations of ministers will not alter hard facts; instances can be cited, in this immediate neighborhood, in which grain crops are being reduced 15 to 30 percent and hoe crops (the most intensive farming) 100 per cent because of the possibility of the only son being drafted, and where if the probability becomes a certainty, and the son is taken, hog raising and dairying will also be abandoned because of dire necessity. If you care to have definite figures along this line I can secure them for you.

Until three weeks ago, farmers, with remarkable unanimity, accepted at their face value the official statements as to the extreme urgency of greater production and were straining themselves to serve the Allies by averting famine. During the past three weeks a complete change has come over the situation. The morale of the farmers has been shaken, and in the criticism which one hears on every side there is a note of defiance which it is not pleasant to hear when one thinks of the seriousness of the whole situation.

Pardon me for speaking plainly. Bor-

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours of the whole situation.

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Warns That Dangerous Spirit

Is Abroad Over Treatment

of Farmers Under M. S. A.

Act.

Below will be found an open letter from Alex. D. Bruce, the Rowell candidate in East York in the Ontario elections of 1914, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Rowell:

Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M. P., Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Rowell it is no breach of the contario of the war.

Outside and more serious is to follow. Two weeks leave in which to finish seeding is useless; the months from busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly to October, inclusive, are the busiless; the months from highly the positions of Locre, Scherpen-bera design in the positions of Locre, Scherpen-bera design in the positions of all while Parliament on the furly berg and Mont Rouge, which they were land october to take by a frontal operation. While this may be the beginning of another the war busiless; the months of the positions of all while Parliament october fully berg and Mont Rouge, which they unable to take by a frontal operation. While Parliame

### I remain respectfully, ALEX. D. BRUCE. R. R. Unionville, Ont., May 7, 1918. Ship Insurance For Sub Zones Ordered Reduced By McAdoo

Indicates Diminishing Effects of the German Submarine Campaign.

Washington, May 9.-Reduction from three to two per cent in the war risk insurance rate on hulls and cargoes of U.S. steamers traveling through the war zone from this country to Great Britain and the Atlantic coast of France was ordered today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. With the dimin-ishing effectiveness of the submar-ine campaign the rate has been reishing effectiveness of the submariente campaign the rate has been reduced gradually from 6½ per cent since last August.

A general revision of other rates also was ordered. Slight reductions are made for nearly all trade

LITHUANIA OBJECTS TO RULE OF THE GERMANS

Washington, May 9.—The Lithuanians, according to an official dispatch from Paris today, have declared through their representatives in France their wish to remain independent of Germann THE WEATHER LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowes temperatures recorded in London during temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 68; lowest, 40. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were; Highest, 55; lowest, 42. TOMORROW-THUNDERSTORMS.

Toronto, May 9—8a.m.
Forecasts.
Fresh east to south winds; showers and local thunderstorms, chiefly tonight and on Friday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

A Fair

#### HUN WAR LORDS ARE FALLING OUT

London, May 9.—Former influential officers in the German army, supporters of Gen. von Moltke, the former chief of staff, are agitating against Fleld Marshal von Hindenburg on the ground that the German successes on the western front have not reached expectations, according to reports in The Hague, transmitted under reserve by the correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Mail.

Another report, which, according to the correspondent, appears to have some foundation, is that a sharp conflict of opinion has arisen between Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. Ludendorff and the crown prince on one side, and Chancellor von Hertling and Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann on the other.

The emperer, after consider-The emperor, after considerable wavering, is said to have inclined to von Hertling's side, although hesitatingly.

Placed in Tower of London and Will Be Court-Martialed.

London, May 9.—A German sub-marine recently landed a man on the Irish coast, where he was ar-rested by Government officials. Jas. MacPherson, parliamentary secre-tary to the war office, announced in the House of Commons today that this man was in the tower of Lon-don and would be court-martialed.

### THE WAR SITUATION

turned to the attack, but apparently nly in a strong local attempt to out-

French even making a slight advance of their own south of La Clytte. In the entre the ailled troops continue the fighting in an effort to throw the Germans out of the advanced positions they

Seemingly the Germans are attacking in the hope of driving the Ailles back toward the Kemmelbeek River, and its branches or beyond Poperinghe and thus utflank the heights running west from Mont Kemmel. Very heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy in his previous the line about Locre and its adjoining

It may be the attack is only a mask for a stronger effort elsewhere, although to break through the Voormeezeele-Locre line might be of marked advantage to the enemy. Elsewhere in Flanders and in Picardy the Infantry has been inactive. The big guns, however are roaring without cessation, especial y north and south of the Avre, east Amiens. Aerial fighting is most active and in a big air battle near Doual British aviators brought down eight of the enemy without any losses.

American Army Grows.

The American army is growing rapidly in strength. Although refusing to divulge the exact number of men who have gone overseas, secretary of war announces that more than 500,000 men have been dispatched since the beginning of the

On the Italian front rains have put stop to lively artillery and patrol en-gagements. The British forces advancing northward from Bagdad, in Mesopoila, have captured Kerkuk, 150 miles north of Bagdad and 80 miles southeast of Mosul, the objective of the drive. Six hundred wounded Turks were taken. David Lloyd George, the British premier, in the House of Commons today will lead the defence of his Government against the attack precipitated by the letter written by Major-Gen. Maurice. How far the Opposition will go has not been disclosed, but the Government

lts right to hold office.

Bad weather prevalls on the American sectors in France. Northwest of Toul an American patrol has been ambushed by the Germans. In this sector also American heavy artillery has been in action for the first time. Near Mont-

# FLANDERS PUSH ST

German Gain of Wednesday Retained Only a Few Hours, Counter-Attacks Restoring Area to Allies-Germans Storm Again This Morning, Pressing the British Back Slightly at One Point-Allies Make Further Advance During Night Between the Somme and the Ancre.

London, May 9.—By a counter-attack delivered last night by British troops, the Germans were driven from the portions of the Allied front line they had entered on the Flanders front in the La llytte-Vormezeele sector, the war office announced today.

Further progress was made last night by the British on the front east of Amiens, between the Somme and Ancre rivers.

Yesterday's attack on the Flanders line was carried out by wo German divisions. Heavy casualties were inflicted upon them by the British forces.

#### BRITISH PRESSED BACK.

London, May 9 .- A new German attack was made this morning on the Flanders front north of Kemmel. The enemy pressed back the British line slightly at one point.

HAIG HOLDS MOST OF GROUND.

With the British Army in France, May 9-(By the Associated Press).—Fighting was still in progress this morning near Vierstraet, on the front southwest of Ypres. At one time the British were forced back slightly by machine-gun fire. All the rest of the original defences, however, appeared to be again in the hands of the defenders in the Vormezeele-La Clytte sector.

BIG GUNS ROARING.

Paris, May 9.—Heavy artillery fighting on both sides of the Avre River, on the front below Amiens, is reported in today's official communication.

The text of the statement reads:

'Spirited artillery fighting occurred last night north and south of the Avre. "German patrols attempting to approach our lines in the re

gion of Campelle-St-Aignan were repulsed. "There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front.

REPEATED SMASHES FAIL.

After their first success in yesterday's fighting, the Germans were unable to gain further ground, despite repeated smashes tre, but were repulsed elsewhere, the at the Allied line. Bitter struggles took place about Kleine Vierstraet, west of Vierstraet and in the Ridge Wood, but the British clung desperately to their positions.

The British organized a counter-attack during the night, which was so vigorous that the Germans were unable to withstand it, and gradually fell back until they had abandoned all the ground gained

LONDON, May 8 .- "After a heavy bombardment on a wide front in Flanders, the German infantry this morning launched an attack south of Dickebusch Lake, which lies between Ypres and strong effort to penetrate this line, and Kemmel," says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters.

"The attack apparently was only in divisional strength, but it may develop larger proportions. The enemy seems to have penetrated our front line between the lake and ridgewood and some parties of Germans are reported in the eastern wood itself. The fighting continues in fine weather and under good visibility

"We still hold the major part of the wood and also Kleine Vierstraat. The technical objective of enemy operations seems to be an attempt to clear the way for a thrust toward Scherpenberg from the northeast, and it may prove to be the beginning of further fierce fighting in this region.

## KING VISITED CAMPS

London, May 9 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) .- The King visited yesterday two large Canadian training centres in Surrey, Naval Commander Sir Charles Cust and the Earl of Cromber attending him. His majesty was received by Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian overseas minister of militia, Brig. MacDonald, Brig. F. S. Meighen and Capt. G. I. Mc-Donald.

It was his majesty's desire to witness

#### railled its forces for a decisive vote on ITAMOUS TORONTO YACHT its right to hold office. CLUBHOUSE IS BURNED

Toronto, May 9.-America's greatest

Toronto, May 3.—America's greatest fresh water acquatic clubhouse, the Royal Canadian Yaeht Club, was destoryed by fire early this morning, and now the handsome building, that was one of the beauties of Toronto islands, is but a heap of ashes. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000.

The much-prized trophies of the club are safe in the vault of the city office of the McKinnon building, and other prized furnishings of the club were carried out by the waiters and the steward to the lawn. The boats to the rear of the clubhouse were not damaged. The fortunate fact that there was hardly any wind blowing was really file means of saving other buildings. Insurance carried totals \$130,000 on buildings and the butts of their rifles. The Americans went out early in the evening and nothing further was heard of them

has not yet been definitely ascertained. INDIA'S BIG SUGAR CROP. Washington, May 3.—Official reports today said that the sugar crop in British India was the highest on record, amounting to 3,229,000 tons. THE BRITISH REPORT.

VISITED CAMPS

OF THE CANADIANS

I, May 9.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa

—The King visited yesterday

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Naval Commander Sir Charles

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THE BRITISH REPORT.

London, May 9.—The British statement follows:

"Successful counter-attacks launched
by British and French troops yesterday
in the La Clytte Vormezeele sector
drove the enemy from the portions of
the Allied front line in which he had
gained a footing during the morning
and re-established the positions originally held by us. We captured several prisoners.

"This morning the enemy again attacked north of Kemmel and succeeded in pressing back our lines slightly at one point, where the fighting con-

It was his majesty's desire to witness the everyday training and the men in ordinary working conditions. He inspected the guard of honor and the brigadier's staff and principal officers were formally presented. The King afoot, closely inspected the great camp and witnessed the bands playing, detachments practicing bayonet fighting, trench warfare and bomb throwing.

FAMOUS TORONTO YACHT

CLUBHOUSE IS BURNED Two German Divisions. were taken by us.
"Hostile raids were repulsed in the neighborhood of Lens and Merris. The

until another patrol happened to cross the spot where the others had been ambushed. Not one shot was fired during the encounter, as far as was known. and nothing further was heard of then