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### PREMIER SAYS BIGGER FORCE IS MORE VITAL THAN FARMING

Thinks Production of No Use If Reinforcements Not Adequate. DOESN'T EXPLAIN DELAY

Declares Canadians Are Facing Overwhelming Numbers On Western Front.

Ottawa, May 9.—"If a scattered and broken remnant, overwhelmed because it was 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, said the situation at the front in its reaction to the order-in-council cancelling the exemptions of Class I men between 20 and 22 years of age inclusive.

The statement reads: "The order-in-council of April 29, 1918, empowering the governor-in-council to call on men of specified ages, or claimed, numerous representations have been received by members of the Government expressing the view that proposed action will prejudicially affect production in agriculture, in the home, 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 Government weighed most carefully all these considerations before entering upon the policy above set forth. With a view of increasing the number of men who would be most readily available and would be most efficient for reinforcement of Canadian army in France it was decided to raise from 20 to 22 years, both inclusive.

Must Have More Men. The importance of production in the various essential industries and especially in agriculture, in the home, in shipbuilding is fully recognized, but all such production is of no avail unless the Canadian forces in France are sustained by adequate reinforcements. If such aid is not forthcoming, the production of munitions of war, in shipbuilding, in transportation and other similar activities that are important, if not essential for war purposes, will be of no avail unless the Canadian forces in France are sustained by adequate reinforcements. If such aid is not forthcoming, the production of munitions of war, in shipbuilding, in transportation and other similar activities that are important, if not essential for war purposes, will be of no avail unless the Canadian forces in France are sustained by adequate reinforcements.

Dodges Delays. "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 future, it will be called out from time to time, there will be renewed and perhaps fatal delay, for exemptions cannot be granted or refused after hearing and investigation with consequent appeals, until all the loss of time resulting therefrom.

McPhedran President of Physicians' Assn. Atlantic City, May 9.—Dr. Alexander McPhedran of Toronto was yesterday elected president of the Association of American Physicians, which is in annual session in this city. Dr. H. W. Biess of New York and Dr. Thomas McCrae of Philadelphia were elected vice-president and secretary respectively.

ROUND UP SLACKERS 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 cards. 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.

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

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 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, 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.

### BLUENOSES TAKE A CRACK AT FOE

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

Canadian Army Headquarters, May 9.—(By W. A. Wilson, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—A morning raiding party of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick blue-nosed soldiers, operating from a post line at Neuville-Vitasse village, inflicted many casualties on the Boche, and in addition captured some prisoners and two machine guns. They retired after a successful operation with very slight losses.

### LANSDOWNE OBJECTS TO BEING CLASSIFIED AS A PACIFIST LEADER

LONDON, May 9.—Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—In the House of Lords the Earl of Denbigh called attention to pacifist activities in this country and the general ignorance on the subject of German war aims.

### MEN DOING WORK WHERE WOMEN COULD SUPPLY NOT AT USEFUL WORK

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., May 9.—Sir Hugh John Macdonald, police magistrate, has ordered wholesale arrests of men engaged in various employments under the anti-looting act. Men doing work which can be equally well done by women, Sir Hugh in effect ruled, are not engaged in useful occupation. The judgment affects men employed in conducting confectionery stores, clerking in grocery stores and the same principle is extended to dozens of similar activities.

### BACK HOME WITH 17 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 airplanes and two observers. He was the first Canadian to capture German aircraft. Commander Godfrey wears the Military Cross. He fought among the city engagements and numbered among his opponents the two famous German fighters, Boelcke and Richthofen. After a brief tussle 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.



ROYALTY AT THE CAMP. Princess Mary visits Cambridge to inspect the Cambridgeshire Women's Land 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.

### GOVT. PLEDGES TO FARMERS TREATED AS "SCRAP OF PAPER," ROWELL CANDIDATE CHARGES

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.

Dear Mr. Rowell, It is no breach of confidence to make mention of the fact that in some correspondence that has been received by me, in which you are referred to as a "scrap of paper," you have expressed the hope that I would continue to feel free to write to you concerning any matter of public importance. In view of the extreme seriousness of the situation that has developed as a result of the new military service regulations, I now avail myself of your invitation.

According to the report in the Globe of your remarks addressed to the delegation of farmers that interviewed the Government on Friday last, you said that the Government had decided upon their present policy with their "eyes open and understanding what it might mean to the same paper, you also said at Bowmanville you "hoped" that farmers would not be called upon until after the war was over.

THE WEATHER. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 68; lowest, 46. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 42.

### HOME RULE BILL DOWN BEFORE WHIT-SUNDAY

LONDON, May 9.—Via Reuters' 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.

TO GOBBLE FINLAND. Amsterdam, May 9.—In confirming reports that negotiations are in progress for Duke Adolph Frederick of Mecklenburg to accept the Finnish crown, the Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung of Essen says the relations between Germany and Finland are likely to be of a military and economic nature. It is the desire of the Berlin Government, it adds, for a relationship similar to that existing between Germany and Turkey and Bulgaria, except that economic relations with Finland would be closer.

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LONDON, May 9.—Former influential officers in the German army, supporters of Gen. von Moellke, the former chief of staff, are agitating against Field Marshal von Hindenburg on 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.

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 Kuehnemann on the other.

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

### GERMAN LANDED ON IRISH COAST HAS BEEN TAKEN

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

LONDON, May 9.—A German submarine landed a man on the Irish coast, where he was arrested by Government officials, and taken to the tower of London, where he will be court-martialed.

### THE WAR SITUATION

In Flanders the Germans have returned to the attack, but apparently only in a strong local attempt to outflank the positions of Loos, Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge, which they were unable to take by a frontal operation. While this may be the beginning of another furious battle, the sector where the enemy met disaster last night is not in very great force, although the fighting is intense.

Pushing against the Anglo-French forces on a five-mile front between Voormezele and La Clytte, the Germans gained the allied front in the centre, but were repulsed elsewhere, the French even making a slight advance of their own south of La Clytte.

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

### 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 Germany.

### FAMOUS TORONTO YACHT CLUBHOUSE IS BURNED

Toronto, May 9.—America's greatest fresh water aquatic clubhouse, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, was destroyed 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.

INDIA'S BIG SUGAR CROP. Washington, May 9.—Official reports today said that the sugar crop in British India was the highest on record, amounting to \$225,000 tons.

### HAIG DRIVES OUT GERMAN FROM FOOTING SECURED WHEN NEW FLANDERS PUSH STARTS AND MOVE AHEAD ON SOMME

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 Clytte-Vormezele 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 two 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 Voormezele-La Clytte sector.

### BIG GUNS ROARING

Paris, May 9.—Heavy artillery fighting on both sides of the Aisne 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 Aisne.

"German patrols attempting to approach our lines in the region 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 at the Allied line. Bitter struggles took place about Klein 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.

### KING VISITED CAMPS OF THE CANADIANS

LONDON, May 9.—The British king visited the camps of Canadian troops yesterday in the La Clytte-Vormezele sector, where the enemy had been driven back from the portions of the Allied front line in which they had gained ground.

The king, accompanied by the queen, arrived at the front at 11 a.m. and visited the camps of the Canadian troops, who were engaged in the fighting.

Two German Divisions. "Troops of two German divisions took part in the enemy's attack yesterday morning. Heavy casualties were inflicted on them by our artillery fire, as well as in infantry fighting, both during the attack and in the subsequent counter-attack.

Local fighting took place also yesterday at Becourt in the course of which we captured 30 prisoners. During the night further progress was made by us between the Somme and the Ancre. Our new positions in this sector were improved. Several prisoners were taken by us.

Hostile raids were repulsed in the neighborhood of Lens and Merris. The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity during the night in the Albert sector.