

# Germans Lost Heavily In Attacks at Verdun

### French Troops Occupied a German Fort on the North-east Slope of Hill 304, and Other German Trenches.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Paris, May 18, 11.45 a. m.—Several attacks were made by German troops on the Verdun front last night in an effort to capture a redoubt at Avocourt. The official statement of to-day says the Germans were repulsed each time, and that they lost heavily. French troops, after severe fighting,

captured a German fort on the north-east slope of Hill 304. Three German trenches north of Hill 287 were raided by French forces, which killed or captured the occupants of these positions. On the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, the artillery on both sides were active during the night. Two French aeroplanes dropped 80 more shells on the railway station at Metz on the night of May 16.

# AMERICANS AS AIRMEN CROSS GERMAN LINES

### For First Time as Separate Unit They Attacked the Enemy.

### WILLIAM K. THAW WAS THERE

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Paris, May 18.—The American aviators who have been in the service of the French army for the past year and who were recently brought together to form a flotilla, under the name of the Franco-American flying corps, took part in an expedition over the German lines yesterday for the first time as a separate unit. They sustained particularly heavy shelling as they re-crossed the front. The machine piloted by Lieut. Wm. K. Shaw of Pittsburgh, lost part of its tail piece and the propeller was damaged by a shell, but he brought it safely back to camp. Corporal Victor Chapman's machine was also hit and driven out of its course, returning so late to its base as to cause anxiety regarding Chapman's fate. Corporal J. M. McConnell, of North Carolina, was flying at a height of twelve thousand feet, but German shells burst all around him, showing that the range of the German anti-air craft guns has been lengthened. The flotilla started at daybreak and spent nearly two hours reconnoitering under sustained fire, but encountered no German machines, and no one was wounded.

# Pensions the Same

### No Intention of French Government to Reduce Their Size.

New York, May 18.—A Paris cable to The New York Sun says: It is officially announced that the government has no intention of diminishing or suppressing the pensions awarded to those mutilated in the war, even if they are able to earn their own living through a new education. The announcement removes a doubt which had been intersting with the work of re-education of the maimed.

# Arrested for Murder.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
New York, May 18.—Angelo Gagliano, a laundryman, was arrested here last night charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting two years ago of Barnett Zaff. Two others arrested in the case already have been convicted. The killing of Zaff, a wholesale poultry dealer, was alleged to have been inspired by business rivals.

# Shortage of Labor.

Duluth, Minn., May 18.—According to reports made to-day to the federal customs house by great lakes vessel captains, the demand for labor ashore, with high wages, is causing serious shortages in crews. A number of vessels were held here to-day, unable to secure full crews, as provided by the new Seaman's Act.

# Wedding Bells.

MITCHELL-WALKER  
Last night at the residence of Rev. David Alexander, the marriage was celebrated of Lance Corporal Thomas Mitchell of the 125th Battalion, formerly of Liverpool, Eng., and Miss Lettie Walker of Vanessa. The happy couple will reside at 28 Ontario St. and numerous friends extend hearty congratulations and best wishes.

# GRESS-MCCOY.

A very pretty and interesting event took place Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy, 1 Fair Ave., when their only daughter, Ethel May, was united in marriage to Mr. George Melvin Gress. They were unattended and the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Woodside. Immediately at high noon the bride entered the room leaning on the arm of her father, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Lena Widner. The bride wore a gown of white tulle and lace, trimmed with chiffon and pearls and carrying a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lily-of-the-valley, also wearing a bridal veil of brunoise net. The French cap being finished with orange blossoms and pearls.

The many guests then adjourned to the dining room where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The room was charmingly decorated with palms and pale pink roses. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold wrist watch and to Miss Widner a pearl ring. After the usual congratulations, the young couple left for Detroit and Cleveland amid showers of confetti and good wishes. The bride's going-away suit was navy blue and the groom wore a suit of grey and white, with hat to match and wearing a corsage bouquet of American Beauty roses. The many and beautiful presents which were received by the bride, showed the esteem and affection in which the young couple are held by their many friends. The out of town guests were: Miss Flossie Middlemiss, Preston, Mr. Desanor St. Catherine, Miss Mabel Malcolm, Scotland, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Parry Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Tonawanda, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, Preston, Mrs. Rodgers, Preston, Mrs. Mahler, Detroit.

# DETAILS OF HUN FINANCE

### Finance Ministers of German States Consider How to Increase Revenue.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Berlin, via London, May 18.—According to The Germania the conference of the finance ministers of the various German states has resulted in a compromise on new imperial taxes as follows: Increase in postal, telegraph and telephone charges; an increase on bills of lading; a new tax on the turnover in business; a per mille tax on all property above 20,000 marks, which is only to be collected once. Furthermore there will be a special tax on increases in property values, exceeding 3,000 marks a year. It is estimated that the new taxes will bring a revenue of 750,000,000 marks as against about 500,000,000 marks proposed by the government's original plans. The compromise is noteworthy as meeting the wishes of the Socialist and Liberal parties for some form of direct property tax.

# THE FORD PEACE EXPEDITION HAS NOW NEW NAME

### Known as the Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation.

### STILL SUPPORTED BY MR. FORD

### However, New Society is Organized on More Practical Basis.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Stockholm, May 17.—Via London, May 18.—What once was the Ford Peace Expedition to-day was formerly re-organized as the Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation, with two delegates from six neutral countries—the United States, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Although still generally supported by Henry, a manifesto issued to-day says the conference must not be confused with the original expedition. Only the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked of the original party, which sailed from the United States is now a delegate, but Louis F. Lochner is still the general secretary. Miss Emily Gress Balch of Wellesley College, is now the second American delegate and Frederick Holt, of Detroit, is acting as business administrator for Mr. Ford. The delegates from the other neutral countries were chosen by the votes of various peace organizations and are quite prominent.

# NEW IDEAS.

With the new organization, new ideas and new practical basis for work, the conference hopes to offset the earlier trials and tribulations of the Ford peace expedition and through a publicity propaganda keep the peace issue alive in Europe, with the ultimate hope that neutral nations will act in concert in offering mediation.

A statement reviewing the work accomplished up to this time says the representatives of the peace mission in presenting an appeal to the neutral nations to act were received graciously by the ministers of all the neutral nations in Stockholm except the American minister, who said he had instructions from his home government not to recognize the neutral conference.

"That this was humiliating to the American members of the conference need hardly be emphasized," says the statement. The statement also says that the president of the Norwegian Storting in accepting the appeal said Norway was greatly disappointed at the failure of the United States to take the lead in bringing about a conference of neutral nations to deal with the war question.

# Terrace Hill

The annual vestry meeting of St. James' church, Terrace Hill, was held on Tuesday evening, May 16th, in the parish hall, the Rev. E. Softly, rector, in the chair. The different reports showed liberal contributions from the congregation. They were as follows: Ordinary church revenue, per church warden's statement, donations included, \$1,026.40; Sunday school receipts, \$70.03; Girls' Chancel, \$10.00; \$27.06 Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association, \$35.24; Ladies' Guild, including grant to church warden, \$709.82. The total for all church purposes was \$1,244.40. The report of the Sunday school, read by Mr. Henry Felden, showed that the Sunday school was prospering and a balance on hand. Average attendance 97. On roll 225. Other organizations showed a good year's work and balance on the right side. The church warden for the ensuing year are Mr. Robt. Foster, re-appointed by the Rector; Mr. H. Blacker, elected by the people in place of Mr. H. C. Ayres, enlisted; lay delegate to Synod, Lieut. Col. Muir; substitute, Mr. H. C. Ayres; vestry clerk, Mr. Ellis Bland. A select vestry was also elected. After the benediction, a successful meeting was brought to a close. Mr. Softly resumes his public duties on Sunday next.

# Approved Sale

### Directors of Shawinigan Water & Power Co. Meet in New York.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
New York, May 18.—The directors of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company met here yesterday and approved the sale of \$1,361,250 new common stock to stockholders of record on May 25 at 115, in the ratio of 1 share of new stock to 10 shares of old. Payment is to be made in four installments, as follows: July 15, \$23; August 15, \$23; Sept. 15, \$23; October 15, \$26. Right is given British shareholders, who are forbidden by English law to subscribe to new stock at the present time to defer payment until May 1, 1917, at which time the price per share will be \$120. Shawinigan common stock on the Montreal Stock Exchange at \$134.

# CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Great Lakes Steamship Service. Canadian Pacific Steamship sails from Owen Sound 11.00 p.m. each Wednesday for Sault Ste Marie, Port Arthur and Fort William. Connecting train leaves Toronto at 5 p.m. Full particulars, reservations, etc., from any Canadian Pacific Ticket Agent or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

# NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE PROROGUES

### Prohibition Enactments the Most Notable Achievement of Law-makers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Halifax, N.S., May 18.—The provincial legislature was prorogued yesterday afternoon.

The session just closed was notable for its prohibition legislation. A bill to amend the Nova Scotia temperance act so as to bring the city of Halifax within the scope of that act, introduced as a private measure by Mr. Corning of Yarmouth, a Conservative, was carried by a tremendous majority, only the three members for Halifax voting against it.

Among government measures of the session passed was an act relating to the employment of the blind, introduced by Premier Murray. This measure is designed to assist all those in Nova Scotia afflicted with blindness, and is particularly aimed at securing employment for any returned soldiers who have been so stricken in the war.

# AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN OFTEN FEELS HUNGRY

### Mr. Gerard Has to Depend on Quiet Help From Mr. Page.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 18 (Montreal Gazette).—From unofficial sources it is learned that as a result of personal communications between members of the staffs of the American embassy in Berlin and London, parcels which have nothing diplomatic about them are being sent from the British to the German capital. Diplomatic pouches in the days before the war occasionally contained articles for various frontier customs officials. The story goes that ever since the war began Ambassador Gerard has been indebted to Ambassador Page for various delicacies—luxuries to be found in Bond street and unobtainable in Berlin.

Now, according to unofficial information, matters are much more serious and members of the American embassy in Berlin look to members of the American embassy in London for a supply of certain things necessary to their satisfaction. One of the inner pouches in which it is impossible to get in Berlin for love or money. War bread, Mr. Gerard and his colleagues have in more or less plentiful supply, and meat, fish and vegetables are obtainable, together with butter, milk and so forth. There are, however, certain commodities which are lacking in Berlin and which with members of the London embassy staff are assiduously seeking to supply their less fortunate colleagues.

According to this information, the Berlin embassy has requested for these undiplomatic pouches is becoming regularly more insistent.

# SNUBBED THE AERIAL MEMBER

### Mr. Noel Pemberton-Billing is Rather Sat Upon in the House.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 18.—The adjournment of the House of Commons yesterday occurred during a speech by Noel Pemberton-Billing, who was recently elected a member of the House on an improved air service platform.

According to one of the morning papers the adjournment was deliberately engineered as a snub to the young airman, who was formerly connected with the Royal Air Service. The Daily News' lobby correspondent in this connection says: "In order to show less than a quorum, some fifty members filed out of the chamber. The members remaining cheered and laughed while the count was going on for they had designed the affair as a deliberate snub to Mr. Pemberton-Billing, who is generally regarded as having made himself ridiculous by his failure to substantiate before an inquiry committee his charges against the air service."

# Feature Addresses

### Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Meets To-day in Detroit.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Detroit, Mich., May 18.—Addresses by Warren S. Stone, of Cleveland, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter of Peoria, Ill., president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, were expected to feature the sessions of the national convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen here to-day. Members of the ladies' auxiliary of the trainmen will attend a ball to-night.

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## PAID \$15,000 FOR WILLIAM III PILGRIM BOTTLES

### Originally Belonged to Man Who Was President of Georgia.

London, May 17 (New York Times cable).—At a sale of silver from various collections at Christie's to-day \$15,000 was paid by Christon for a pair of William III pilgrim bottles, of flattened pear shape, engraved with the arms of the second Baron Arden and his wife. They are 20 1/2 inches high and were executed by Pierre Harache in 1699. Their weight is forty two pounds.

The bottles probably belonged to the first Earl of Egmont, who obtained a charter to colonize the province of Georgia and who was appointed president of the province. The last owner, though unnamed, was a titled woman. Pilgrim bottles are extremely rare and these two were regarded as very fine specimens. It is surmised that the purchaser, Christon, acted as the agent of a museum.

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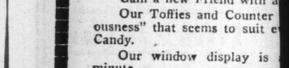
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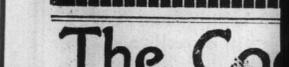
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New Department of Finance Section

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 18 (New York Sun cable).—The finance section of the Foreign Office is being incorporated into a new department, the foreign trade department, which has been formed to deal with financial matters connected with the blockade. The controller of the new department will be L. Worthington Evans, Conservative member of parliament for Colchester, who was appointed special manager by the high court in connection with the liquidation of the Lon-

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