

the dressing stations, while all the soldiers indiscriminately gave aid, when possible, to the civilian refugees.

The reserves are moving, proceeding towards points where they can oppose the German rush. Among the allied troops of whatever nationality, in spite of their lost positions, confidence is great that the desperate effort of the Germans will not succeed in inflicting more than a glancing blow on the allied forces, and that the present situation is only temporary.

Entering on Crucial Stage of Battle

French Army Headquarters, May 29.—The expansion of the enemy's wings has enabled him to bring his right within a short distance of Soissons while his left has reached an alignment which forms practically a semi-circle around Rheims.

Last night the position of the Franco-British holding the extreme right of the line became difficult. They were under fire from three sides from the old German line between Coucy and Rheims and from the new lines which the Germans had established in passing them to the south, so they were now obliged to face east, north and west.

We are entering upon the crucial stage of the battle, but the issue is awaited calmly. Our reserves are hastening up and the morale of our armies is superb.

The Germans had the choice of the point of attack and were able to concentrate their masses against a thinly held sector. The choice of the real line of resistance will be ours.

The new battle is spreading over the ground of the battle of the Marne where the enemy's triumphant rush was broken in September, 1914.

The omens are good.

BRITISH Hostile Raiding Party Driven Back

With the British Army in France, May 29.—Further enemy counter-attacks against the American troops, who yesterday stormed their way into Cantigny, have been repulsed, and at latest reports the overseas men were holding their positions in the shell-torn village strongly.

London, May 29.—"A hostile raiding party was driven back during the night in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel," says the British official communication issued this evening.

"A local attack made by the enemy north of Kemmel was completely repulsed by the French troops."

"There is nothing further to report from the British front."

AMERICAN Another Gas Attack at Luneville

With the American Army in France, May 29.—The enemy launched another heavy gas attack against our troops in the Luneville sector early this morning and attempted to reach our line at three places. They were repulsed with comparatively heavy losses.

Washington, May 29.—Consolidation of positions taken yesterday by the Americans in the Cantigny salient and the repulse of renewed counter-attacks is announced in General Pershing's evening communique issued tonight by the war department. It also tells of the repulse last night of three raids in Lorraine in which several prisoners were taken and a number of the enemy killed.

The despatch follows: "In the Cantigny salient we have consolidated our positions in spite of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Renewed counter-attacks broke down under our fire."

"In Lorraine we repulsed three raids during the night, taking several prisoners and killing a number of the enemy. There and in the West the artillery of both sides has been continuously active."

"It is established that on May 27 our aviators shot two hostile machines instead of one, as reported."

Report from German Headquarters.

Berlin, via London, May 29.—The official report from headquarters tonight says: "Near Soissons and between Soissons and Rheims we made fresh progress."

The number of prisoners taken by the Germans on the Aisne battle front has increased to 25,000. The prisoners include one French and one English general. The text of the communication follows:

"On the battle fronts from the Yser to the Oise the increased fighting activity continued. French local attacks south of Ypres failed."

"West of Montdidier the enemy during a local advance penetrated into Cantigny yesterday."

"The armies of General Boehm and General von Below, of the army of the German crown prince, have victoriously continued their attack. French and English reserves rushed up were defeated."

"The right wing divisions of General Larisch, after repelling a French counter-attack, captured the Terny-Sorny Ridge and the heights north-east of Soissons. After hard fighting the troops of General Wichura also broke the resistance of the enemy on the plateau of Conde. Fort Conde was taken by storm. Vregny and Misny also were taken, on the southern bank of the Aisne, and the Vesle heights to the west of Ciry were occupied."

"The corps of Gen. von Winkler, General von Conta and Gen. Schmetow have crossed the Vesle. Braine and Pismes have been captured and we are standing on the heights due south of the Vesle. The troops of Gen. Ilse have taken the hills northeast of Prouilly by storm and captured Villers Franqueux and Courcy, and now are fighting for the heights of Thierry."

"The indefatigable advancing infantry, artillery and mine-thrower detachments are being closely followed by balloons, anti-aircraft guns and despatch riders."

"The energetic labors of the pioneers and railway equipment and construction troops have rendered possible the conquest of the field of attack and the bringing up of fighting men by columns uninterrupted. In self-sacrificing activity doctors and stretcher-bearers are looking after the wounded on the battle fields."

"In spite of the changing weather our aerial forces are attacking the enemy again and again with bombs and machine guns, while aviators have surveyed without interruption our progressing attacks and effort of our artillery fire."

"The number of prisoners has increased to 25,000, including one French and one English general."

AMERICA SYMPATHIZES WITH SLAV ASPIRATIONS

Washington, May 29.—The United States Government views "with earnest sympathy" the nationalistic aspirations of the Czech-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs, Secretary Lansing said today.

"The secretary of state desires to announce," said the secretary in a statement, "that the proceedings of the congress of oppressed races of Austria-Hungary which was held in Rome in April, has been followed with great interest by the Government of the United States, and the nationalistic aspirations of the Czech-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs for freedom have the earnest sympathy of this government."

WILL PROBE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

London, Ont., May 29.—The finance committee, at a meeting tonight, recommended to the city council that Judge McBeth be asked to conduct a thorough investigation into the city fire department. Charges were received regarding matters of discipline by the Trades and Labor Council and an investigation asked for.

LEGS WERE FRACTURED.

Woodstock, Ont., May 29.—Louis Harwood Hickson suffered a broken leg when the load of which he was riding on top of a truck overturned today when his bicycle struck an obstacle on the road.

PRISONER RECAPTURED.

Young Man Who Breaks Jail Must Answer More Charges.

Special to The Toronto World.

Belleville, May 29.—J. G. Seldon, the young man who on Sunday last took French leave from the county jail here, whilst undergoing a sentence for theft, was recaptured last night at Point Anne, and three more charges are being preferred against him. He is accused of breaking into the C.N.R. station at Thurlow on Sunday night and stealing a suit of clothes, some money and articles; also two bicycles from employees of the Point Anne Cement Works.

Seldon was wearing the stolen suit when arrested. The prison guard he wore when he escaped was found in a bush near the Thurlow station.

PRISONERS' TREATMENT.

Germans Behaved Just as Bad to Allied Prisoners as to British.

London, May 29.—In the house of lords yesterday Lord Newton, under-secretary of the foreign office, asserted there was not the slightest vestige of truth in newspaper allegations that the inactivity of the war office had resulted in worse treatment of British prisoners of war than others. He said that no government had been more solicitous of the welfare of its prisoners and was of the opinion that British soldiers in German prison camps were treated better than others.

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CHURCH STATISTICS

First Report of Charges Presented by the Stationing Committee.

Special to The Toronto World.

Guelph, May 29.—Nearly all of the preliminary meetings in connection with the Hamilton Methodist Conference, the general session of which opens tomorrow afternoon in Dublin Street Church, were held today and this evening. The delegates have all arrived and there are present about 250 ministers and the same number of laymen. The stationing committee completed their work, so far as the first draft of stations is concerned, at noon today. The changes in the pastorates of the various circuits this year are more numerous than usual, and the task of the committee has been an arduous one. One of the features this year is the fact that there are more stations than there are ministers to fill them, and several are left vacant, the supplying of them being left to the chairman of the district. In one instance a place paying a salary of \$1100 a year is without a pastor. This condition of affairs is due entirely to the war as many of the ministers are on active service, and the theological students attending the colleges have been greatly depleted, owing to the Military Service Act.

Serving Their Country. There are quite a number of ministers in the Hamilton Conference who are serving their country in a military capacity, a few as chaplains and some in the ranks. The list is as follows: Major A. E. Lavell; Chaplains Gordon R. Jones, A. D. Robb, W. G. Watson, D. Robb, W. G. Martin, W. R. Caswell, H. D. Taylor; Lieutenants Geo. T. Shields, Ralph Wilson, Milton J. Atkins, H. O. Rogers, J. H. Kerr. Other ranks: Lieut. G. F. Cameron, Corp. John Ward, Elmer S. Sinclair, W. A. Atkinson, Frank Crighton, David A. Lane, C. W. Chis, S. R. Fallick, Corp. A. E. Elliott, James S. Hyde, Joseph A. Campbell, Arthur Hampson, David Dwyer, Sidney B. Stokes, Fred. M. Ellis, John A. Dill. The first session of the laymen's association was held at Norfolk street this afternoon, and was presided over by C. P. McGregor of Burlington, the president. An excellent report of the year's work was presented, especially along the line of missionary work, this report being dealt with by J. M. Denyes of Milton. At the evening service a splendid address was delivered by Prof. A. J. Johnston, B.A., of Toronto, on "Social Service and Evangelism."

The ministerial session of the conference took place in Dublin Street Church. The chief features of this meeting were the addresses of Rava, Robt. Davey, George Hartley, John R. Isaacs and John W. Sanderson, all of whom have just completed fifty years of active work in the Methodist Church.

In the case of W. A. Terry of the Simcoe district the report of the trial committee was adopted by the conference. Mr. Terry was charged with leaving his home and work, of borrowing money under false pretences and of embezzling certain amounts of trust funds of the church which were paid to him for non-secular purposes. After a thorough trial he was found guilty of all the charges, and was ordered deposed from the ministry, and expelled from the membership of the church.

Following is a complete list of all the pastoral changes as contained in the first report of the stationing committee:

- Hamilton district: Hamilton Wesley Church, H. S. Douglas; Hamilton Chanton Avenue, Frank M. Wootton; Hamilton Calvary Church, A. E. Marshall; Hamilton Lake Church, R. W. Scanlan; Glanford, T. M. Forthright; Millgrove, C. R. Albright; Wesley, Thomas Boyd; Castorville, A. G. Philpotts.
- Guelph district: Guelph Paisley Memorial, A. Hurlbut; Acton, L. M. Moyer; Rockwood, P. Thornton Meek; Ponsonby, A. W. Guild; Belwood, J. P. Barbaree; Erin, J. A. Jervitt.
- St. Catharines district: St. Catharines, St. Paul St., D. E. Martin; St. Catharines, Niagara St., J. J. Liddy; Thorold, R. S. E. Large; Niagara Falls, Morrison St., J. Edgar Todd; Niagara Falls, Lundy's Lane, H. L. Roberts; Niagara-on-the-Lake, Geo. Smitherman; Queenston Heights, Gordon C. Tlaymer.
- Brantford district: Brantford, Wesley Church, S. E. Marshall; Mount Pleasant, E. S. Moyer.
- Woodstock district: Woodstock, Dundas St., S. A. Leisman; Salford, Fred. J. Fyfe; Beachville, J. King.
- Galt district: Kitchener, J. H. McEain; Waterloo, S. L. W. Harton; Heppeler, W. H. Harvey; Preston, David A. Walker; Elmira, Peter Webster; Sheffield, Jas. W. Stewart; New Hamburg, Remus Voaden.
- Simcoe district: Simcoe, St. James' Church, D. A. Mole; Port Rowan and St. Williams, J. Elvin Smith; Lynedoch, H. D. Taylor.
- Milton district: Milton, Hackert Oakville, M. E. Sexsmith; Palermo, E. E. Coish; Trafalgar, Wm. G. Shaw.
- Welland district: Dumfries, H. Green; Port Colborne and Humberton, C. D. Draper; Ridgeway, A. Foreman; Fonthill, E. L. Zimmerman; Fenwick, J. G. Neill; Steelesville, one to be made.
- Norwich district: Tillsonburg, A. J. Irwin; Delhi, J. Culp; Dechem, J. Wesley Bean; Burford and Fairfield, J. Fred. Kaye; Kelvin and Bookton, W. J. Ellis.
- Palmerston district: Moorefield, J. T. Cavers.
- Mount Forest district: Durham, G. F. Cole; Kentworth, John C. McClelland; Monticello, E. V. C. Lewis; Drew, Bertram E. Newham.
- Walkerton district: Chesley, C. T. Bennett; Paisley, E. L. Fluger; Port Elgin, H. E. Walker.
- Warton district: Debbington, William Quigley.