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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 a.m.

### SIR JOHN FRENCH REPORTS.

LONDON, May 17. Sir John French has broken his silence in regard to the movements of the British Army northwards of La Basse, with the announcement of an advance of nearly a mile into the German line. This, together with the continuation of the French thrusts, both north of Ypres and southwest of La Basse, constitutes the outstanding feature of the military situation to-day. Military commentators here regard the British advance as the genuine break of the German line, which, if maintained, must mean a retreat for a considerable section of the invaders' forces. Recapture of the bridge over the Yser Canal at Steenstrate, by the French, deprives the Germans of their last connection with the west side of the waterway. German assaults on the British position at Ypres, seem to have spent themselves, at least for the moment, as General French reports that all has been quiet there for the last 48 hours.

### CONTINUE THEIR DRIVE.

PARIS, May 17. The British troops continue their drive of the German lines near La Basse. They have captured another series of trenches and have taken 150 prisoners.

### GERMAN ARMY REPORT.

BERLIN, May 17. The German Army Headquarters to-day gave out a report of progress in the war theatre. In the western theatre north of Ypres and west of the Canal near Steenstrate and Het Sas, the Germans gave up their advanced positions, and to avoid losses from the strong artillery of the enemy, they drew back their smaller forces from the main positions to La Basse, and the eastern mark of the Canal. South of

Neuve Chapelle, the British still hold parts of the front trench taken on May 15th. Fighting continues north of Arras. Near Ablain and Neuville, French attacks yesterday were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

### FRENCH REPORT.

PARIS, May 17. In Belgium the enemy, threatened by our successful attacks of the preceding days with complete envelopment, evacuated last night the positions which he had occupied west of the Yser Canal. We have, on our part, maintained all our gains on the east bank. To the north of La Basse, British troops, who were very strongly counter-attacked during the night of Sunday, victoriously continued fighting. To-day they carried several German trenches and inflicted on the enemy very heavy losses. One contingent of several hundred Germans was caught between the fire of the British machine guns and those of their own artillery, and was almost entirely exterminated under the cross-fire. Our Allies have taken a thousand prisoners and some machine guns. To the north of Arras, a thick mist prevailed all day, preventing any important action on either side. Nevertheless the struggle continues very actively, on the slopes of Lorette especially. There we have repulsed all the German counter-attacks. At Ville au Bois, near Derry au Bac, the enemy made an attack on our trenches, which was immediately arrested. The number of prisoners taken by us on Sunday in the affair at Ville Sur Tourbe, was 250, besides 50 wounded. This morning we carried out an attack in the Alley Wood, occupying several German works. We also took three machine guns and 250 prisoners, among whom were several officers. In the outskirts of the Forest of Le Pretre, two German battalions made three attempts at sortie from their trenches, but our fire held them short.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, May 17. An official communication issued by the War Office to-night announces the capture by British troops of several additional German trenches north of La Basse, together with 1,900 prisoners. In an engagement at Ville Sur Tourbe, the French took 400 prisoners. In an attack on Alley

Wood they carried several German works and captured 250 prisoners.

### BRITISH SUCCESSES.

LONDON, May 17. Field Marshal Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Forces in France, to-day sent a report under date May 17, the War Department here as follows: "The First Army has gained further successes. South of Richebourg Lavoue, all German trenches on a front of two miles were captured. This morning several bodies of Germans surrendered voluntarily to our troops who continue to fight with great gallantry and determination. One of those bodies, while trying to surrender, was caught by German artillery fire and practically annihilated. The exact number of prisoners has not yet been ascertained, but 550 have been cleared from the lines of communication. On the remainder of the front there have been no incidents to report."

### SUBMARINES FOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

BOSTON, May 17. Tea submarines, which the For River Shipbuilding Corporation are constructing at Quincy for the British Government, will be launched early next month, within five months of the time when the keels were laid. It is learned to-day that the trials will follow soon after, and the boats could be ready and in commission by July, although they are not to be delivered until after the war remainder of the time of constructing submarines in this country previously has been more than two years.

### ON THE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, May 17. Field Marshal Sir John French, in a message to-night, informed the British people that their troops again had assumed the offensive after a fortnight spent in hurling back German attacks, and had swept across and captured all German trenches south of Richebourg Lavoue over a two-mile front. This movement, which resulted in the capture of numerous prisoners, many of whom surrendered in bodies, is still under way, and gives indication of being as important in the military situation as was the recent French advance elsewhere. Elsewhere along the western battlefield, lull prevails.

### RUSSIANS AND AUSTRIANS CLAIM ADVANCES.

LONDON, May 17. Vienna reports that Sunday passed with much activity. This is considered in military circles as a possible indication that the Russians have reached the point where they are able to re-establish their line. The Austrians, however, assert their army is still advancing.

### MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS.

LONDON, May 17. Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van, Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a despatch received at official quarters here from the Russian Consul at Uriniah, Persia. The message was dated May 15.

### FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES.

ATHENS, May 17. Fierce fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula from the heights dominating Maidos and Kihil Bahr continues. The Turkish positions on these heights, as well as Turkish shore batteries, have been bombarded by the Allied fleets on Sunday. The day the British warships again bombarded the Turkish works dominating Smyrna.

### FRENCH OCCUPY ESOKA.

PARIS, May 17. The French column occupied May 11th, the post of Esoka, in the German Colony of Kamerun, according to a telegram received from the Governor-General of French West Africa.

### ZEPPELIN ATTACKS RAMSGATE.

LONDON, May 17. The Admiralty statement says that the Zeppelin that attacked Ramsgate this morning was chased off by the East Church and Westgate machines as far as West Hinder Lightship. When off Neuport, Belgium, she was attacked by eight naval machines from Dunkirk. Three machines were able to attack her at close range of fire. Flight Commander Bigsworth dropped four bombs, 200 feet above the airship. A large column of smoke was seen to come out of one of her compartments. The Zeppelin then rose to the great height of 11,000 feet, with her tail down, and was believed to be severely damaged. All of her main engines were exposed to heavy fire from the Zeppelin. There were no casualties.

### ENORMOUS CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, May 17. The Canadian Honor List now reaches the enormous total of 4,751, and the end, after casualties from the battle of Langemarck, is not yet in sight. The total is made up as follows: Wounded, 3,206; killed, 678; missing, 867.

### THOUSANDS OF MINERS ON STRIKE.

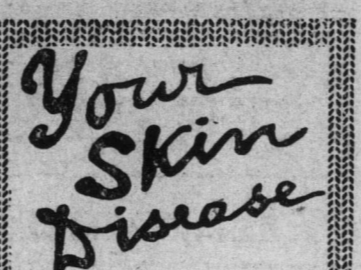
LONDON, May 17. Some thousands of miners in the Black Country went on strike to-day in consequence of a dispute over the question of a war bonus. The Black Country is the name applied to the mining and manufacturing districts on the borders of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, between Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

### BRITISH SHIPPING SUNK OR CAPTURED.

LONDON, May 17. Thos. MacNamara, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, announced to-day that 460,628 tons of British shipping, other than warships, had been sunk or captured by the German Navy since the outbreak of the war.

### DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS ON STRIKE.

LONDON, May 17. With the exception of an occasional car, London to-day was without a street car service. Virtually all drivers and conductors of the London



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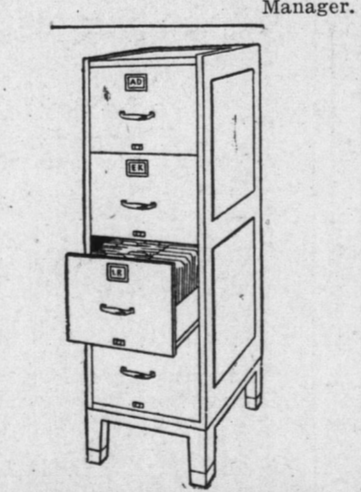
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### Household Notes.

Fish cakes can be made the last thing at night and be ready to fry in the morning. The potatoes must be very dry.

Never cut up salad, but tear the leaves apart. Use the very best oil or the freshest of cream, and use vinegar sparingly.

Cold chicken left from the roast, cut into dice, mixed with cream dressing and covered with grated cheese is delicious baked.

Never leave the lettuce leaves soaking in cold water. If the leaves are young this process makes them flabby and tasteless.

For wiping oiled floors use an oiled cloth made by wringing a duster out of kerosene and hanging it outdoors till perfectly dry.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAR-GET IN COWS.**

County Municipal Railway street car system are now out on strike, having taken a pledge not to return to work until a permanent increase of pay, and not merely a war bonus, is granted.

### THE DERBY.

LONDON, May 17. King George has scratched his two candidates for the Derby, on account of the war. Other owners are following his example, and have eliminated entries for the big event which seems likely to be deprived of much of its popular character.

### KING CONSTANTINE.

PARIS, May 17. The condition of King Constantine, of Greece, has become more serious, says a despatch from Athens to-day. Since noon to-day the fever has become higher, accompanied by restlessness.

### SHOT AND WOUNDED.

LISBON, May 17. Joas Chagas, the new President of the Cabinet, was shot four times with a pistol, while on board the midnight train from Oporto. His assailant, Senator Freitas, was shot and wounded by a passenger in the train. Chagas has been taken to hospital, where it was announced his condition was grave. In addition to other wounds, he is suffering a fracture of the skull.

### KING VICTOR EMMANUEL.

ROME, May 17. King Victor Emmanuel, without an escort, visited to-day the barracks and military hospital. He was cheered enthusiastically by the people.

### ITALIAN PARLIAMENT MEETS.

LONDON, May 17. The strain of waiting for definite news of Italy's intentions with regard to the war, has been somewhat relieved by the statement that nothing further is to be done until Parliament meets next Thursday. In the meantime special trains are reported to be in readiness to take the German and Austrian ambassadors out of the country. The German press is plainly gloomy over the situation.

### HOSTILE AIRSHIP DAMAGED.

A homeward bound Zeppelin, returning from a raid on England, was attacked to-day as it reached the Belgian coast. The big gas-bag is reported to have been damaged, but the fate of the aircraft was not learned, as it drifted away in the fog out of sight of the attackers.

### ALLAN LINER IN COLLISION.

LIVERPOOL, May 17. The Allan Line steamer Gramplan, which sailed from Liverpool for Montreal on Friday last, with about three-quarters of the passenger capacity occupied, was slightly damaged while going down the Mersey, by being in collision with the steamer Kingsway, and afterwards falling here, and St. John's audiences have given them a very great welcome for they can win a round of applause before either of the other two. On Friday there will be another big contest and this time reserved seats will be booked all week at Rossley's to avoid the crush, and those reserved seats will go kept, as all will be reserved. Mr. Rossley wishes to please all patrons, and was more than sorry that the four young ladies last Friday night were turned out of their seats through a little misunderstanding.

### TROUBLE BROKEN OUT AFRESH.

PARIS, May 17. Telegraphing from Lisbon at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the correspondent of the Havas Agency says: Trouble has broken out afresh. Senator Freitas, who shot and wounded Joas Chagas, the head of the new Ministry, was shot dead bygendarmes.

### FIGHTING BEGUN AGAIN.

MADRID, May 17. Fighting in Lisbon has begun again according to the latest news reaching Badajoz, and warships are bombarding the city. Over one hundred persons have been killed, including made a big hit yesterday and to-day is the last chance to hear this fine number. The Picture programme is splendid one—a feast of features: "The Vanity Case" is a great two reel special, a fine story pictured in the Vitaphone best way. "Buddy's Downfall" our young of the well known Buddy Comedy Series, funny without being vulgar; the other dramas are first class western and Mexican stories the kind you can't do up. Go to the Crescent Palace to-day and see a good picture show.

### GERMANS CRUCIFIED CANADIANS.

LONDON, May 17. Several letters from Canadian officers and men have been received by R. P. Houston, M.P., corroborating the charges that the Germans crucified Canadians. As a result of these Houston intends putting further questions in the House of Commons. He will ask the Under-Secretary for War if he has information that during the recent fight, in which the Canadians were temporarily driven back, they were compelled to leave forty wounded in a barn, that on recapturing the position they found the Germans had bayoneted all the wounded except a sergeant, that the Germans had removed a figure of Christ from the village and fastened the sergeant there while alive; also crucifixion is becoming a favorite practice of the enemy. Houston produced a letter from a Lieutenant of the Fifteenth Battalion, which he showed to the Montreal Gazette correspondent, confirming these charges; also another letter, which asserted that a Canadian Highlander was crucified on a barn door, with bayonets through his hands, feet and throat. The writer avers that the Chaplain took a statement, on oath, from the man who took down the body of the sergeant. Houston is an active member of the Administrative Committee of the Second King Edward Horse, in which capacity he has come in contact with many Canadians. He is a prominent steamship owner. The Globe reports to-day that a letter from an officer in the Leicester Regiment, charges that not only a Canadian Major, but a man from the Fifth Leicester Territorials has been crucified.

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## Amusements.

### BRITAIN VS. BOER.

Unequalled in photography, unrivalled by any other picture, is what is said of the Boer War picture shown last night at the Casino—the House of Masterpieces. From the opening scene of the picture one is taken right into the mighty struggle that faced the British Empire a few years ago. In all their splendor is seen the British soldier who never yet swerved when duty called. He is never contented only when he is conquering the enemies of his country, they are the very best to be had, and you can come almost face to face with him and see him in his glory to-night. See him carrying proudly the grand old flag over kopje and veldt. See him stand alone facing his enemies with unflinching courage until assistance arrives. All this and much more was seen last night and those who took advantage of the opportunity and witnessed this picture are speaking to-day in unmistakable terms of approval of this famous production. There will be a change on Thursday so there are only two nights on which this picture will be shown.

### ROSSLEYS GET THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES.

Such a splendid house at Rossley's again last night. The pictures novel shown at Rossley's are extra special and require no boasting or bragging, they are the very best to be had. One in particular, "Spider," would draw a crowd alone. Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke have a delightful entertainment: "The Married Martyr" is one scream and adds more praise to the dainty Madge Locke. Such artists have never appeared here, and St. John's audiences have given them a very great welcome for they can win a round of applause before either of the other two. On Friday there will be another big contest and this time reserved seats will be booked all week at Rossley's to avoid the crush, and those reserved seats will go kept, as all will be reserved. Mr. Rossley wishes to please all patrons, and was more than sorry that the four young ladies last Friday night were turned out of their seats through a little misunderstanding.

### "THAT'S AN IRISH LULLABY."

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### FAREWELL WEEK OF THE TWO SISTERS SQUIRES AT "OURS."

There was as usual a crowded house at the two sisters' squire's. The programme was as follows: H. J. Brownrigg, M. L. Murphy, P. M. Mar, H. P. Crotty, J. Neider, J. J. Mahoney, M. Bambrick, Fred Callahan, J. McGrath, M. P. Hynes, M. W. Myrick, C. J. Ellis, A. S. Warden, J. P. Scott, J. P. Crotty, G. J. Coughlan, M. Power, H. Bartlett, J. Cooley, Thos. Armstrong, M. Murphy, N. J. Vanicome, J. P. Grace, T. Jackman, J. Kelly, J. Dwyer, W. Carroll, J. W. Hayes, J. Perez, W. Murphy, Stan Shortall, J. O'Grady, M. Kent, W. A. Kelly, J. Brophy, Jas. Power, Rob. Jewer. These will meet to-morrow night to make arrangements for collecting. Mr. J. P. Pippy was appointed Asst. Secy. after which the meeting adjourned.

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**MOVEMENTS OF PROSPERO.**  
The Prospero, which is on her first trip north for the season, is encountering unusual ice conditions. She succeeded in forcing her way through the floe from Trinity to Catalin, reaching the latter place yesterday afternoon.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The regular meeting of Terra Nova Council, No. 1452, will be held this evening at 8.30 o'clock. JAMES A. MacKENZIE, Recorder.—may 18, 11

### WOMAN INSANE.

The unfortunate young woman, who has been going around the city with an infant in her arms the past fortnight or more, was taken into custody by the police again yesterday afternoon. She was acting strangely and Dr. Cowperthwaite, who examined the unfortunate creature, pronounced her insane, and she was immediately conveyed to the Lunatic Asylum, her babe being taken to the S. A. Home.

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