

BERLIN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 15,000 PRISONERS

GERMAN WAR OFFICE STATES 19 VILLAGES WERE CAPTURED

Berlin Claims Fifteen Thousand Prisoners and To Have Taken Pinon, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison, Courtecon, Cerny, Winterberg, Craonne, Villerberg, Vailly, Cormrey, Cauroy and Loivre

Berlin, via London, May 28.—The official report from headquarters says that up to the present 15,000 prisoners have been taken.

The attack of the German Crown Prince south of Laon, says the official correspondent, completely defeated the French and English divisions stationed there.

Early this morning Pinon, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison, Courtecon, Cerny, Winterberg, Craonne, Villerberg and fortified works near Berry-Au-Back were taken by storm. In the afternoon Vailly was taken. Between Vailly and Beaureux we reached the heights due north of the Vesle.

"The enemy was thrown out of strong positions between Spaigneville and Brimont and back across the Aisne-Marne Canal. Cormrey, and Loivre were taken by storm.

The Berlin Statement.

The full text of the official communication from general headquarters today follows: "On the Kemmel and the Vesle battlefields and on both sides of the Somme and the Aisne the artillery duels increased in intensity yesterday morning. Between Voormezele and Loivre we penetrated the French lines and brought back more than 300 prisoners.

"The attack of the German Crown Prince to the south of Laon led to complete success. We completely defeated the French and English divisions stationed there.

The army of General Boehm took the Chemin Des Dames by storm. The long ridge, against which the great attempt of the French to break through collapsed in the spring of 1917 and which we evacuated in the autumn of last year for strategic purposes is again in our hands.

Cross Ailette.

"After tremendous artillery preparation our infantry at daybreak found their way across the Ailette River between Vauxaillon and Craonne and penetrated the English lines further east between Corbeny and the Aisne. Completely taken by surprise, the occupants of the first enemy lines generally offered only slight resistance.

"In the early hours of the morning, Pinon, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison, Courtecon, Cerny, the Winterbergs and Craonne, the Villerberg and fortified works near and to the north of Berry Au Bac were taken by storm.

Reach The Aisne.

"Towards afternoon we reached the Aisne between Vailly and Berry Au Bac. Vailly was taken. The crater field of last year's spring and autumn fighting was captured in uninterrupted attacking pressure.

"In the afternoon the attack continued. Between Vauxaillon and Vailly we are on the heights near Neuville and Lauffaux and north of Conde.

"Between Berry Au Bac and Brimont we crossed the Aisne and carried the battle into an area which remained untouched by the war since 1914.

The enemy was again driven from the fortified wooded heights on the southern bank of the river. Between Vailly and Beaureux we reached the heights due north of the Vesle River.

"The army of General Von Below threw the enemy out of strong positions at Spaigneville and Brimont, back across the Aisne-Marne Canal and the western bank of the canal and took by storm Cormrey, Cauroy and Loivre.

"Up to the present 15,000 prisoners are reported.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, on the Lorraine front, the fighting activity revived. Advances into the enemy lines resulted in the bringing in of more than 150 prisoners belonging to French and American regiments."

TROUBLED With CONSTIPATION From 16 to 20

Constipation is one of the commonest ills of mankind, and one too often allowed to go unlooked after until some serious complication sets in. If the bowels are properly looked after there will be no constipation, jaundice, sick or bilious headaches, heartburn, coated tongue, sour stomach, floating specks before the eyes, etc.

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills will keep your bowels so regulated that in no time the constipation will disappear entirely.

Miss Emma E. Melanson, Halifax, N. S., writes: "I am now 20 years of age, and since I was 16 I have been greatly troubled with constipation, so much so that at times I would be in bed 3 or 4 days a month. I tried all the old-fashioned remedies, castor oil, sassafras, etc., with only temporary relief until my sister-in-law gave me some of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. From the first they seemed beneficial, and I gave them a fair trial. This was two years ago and with an occasional dose I have kept entirely free from constipation for the period mentioned."

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c a vial at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.



BISHOP DEFENDS BOYS OVERSEAS

Kingston, Ont., May 28.—Bishop Bidwell, in his charge this afternoon to the Anglican synod of the diocese of Ontario, defended the Canadian soldiers from the charges of drunkenness and immorality, endorsed the idea of Union Government and urged the need of greater unity among the Christian churches. Regarding the Canadian soldiers at the front, he said their heroism and endurance could not be described in words. "We ought," he said, "to resent strongly the spiteful calumnies which have been circulated by fanatical and irresponsible people who are really guilty of aiding the enemy by such conduct."

SPIRITS HAD HABIT OF DISAPPEARING

Official Liquor Vendor Had Large Supply of Whiskey, Brandy, Rum and Beer Shipped, But It Made a Get-away.

Sydney, May 28.—A consignment of liquor for the legal vendor at Inverness, consisting of 40 cases of whiskey, 5 cases of brandy, 84 gallons of rum and 20 barrels of beer, arrived at Point Tupper one day last week. It was accompanied by a policeman to prevent pilfering. At New Glasgow five cases were found missing, at Antigonish eight cases were short and two in bad order; at Point Tupper it was found the beer had been tampered with. Arriving at Port Hastings a further shortage was found, and after it arrived at Inverness the freight shed was broken into, and when the vendor called for his goods there was very little left.

The recruit is shown the principles of ventilation, whereby gas can be blown out of dugouts by the use of fans or by lighting fires at favorable points near the entrance. Actual experiments along these lines are carried out in the school and are studied by the men.

The most essential thing to be done in case of gas attack, the instructor tells his pupils, is to warn everybody. Actual experiments were made to show that they may best be heard. The use of the "Strombes Horn," a special form of motor horn worked by a cylinder of compressed air, is also explained.

A study is also made of the means employed for ascertaining the direction and strength of the wind, so that in the trenches the men may know when a gas attack is likely.

NUXATED IRON

"Say Doctor, This Prescription Works Like Magic!"

Phylosophy Says Nuxated Iron Gives Blood Purifying Strength and Energy into the Cells of Nervous, Run-Down Women.

BRUTAL BOCHES CONTINUE TO MISTREAT PRISONERS

Keeper Spat Upon Food He Handed To British Officer Whom He Called "a Dirty British Swine"

—Prisoners Weak From Lack of Food and Illness Forced To Slave at Bayonet Point—Danger in America.

(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)

BY CASPAR WHITNEY.

Paris, May 28.—Yesterday I heard a crippled British officer recently exchanged, relating the experiences of himself and fellow prisoners en route and in German prison camps, and while he told little of Hun brutality not already known, the personal story and his own haggard appearance gave the recital a vividness and reality which was truly impressive. He said that during the early weeks of his captivity the German guard before giving him his single plate of meagre ration regularly thrust it towards him every time to attract his attention, and then deliberately spit upon the food. For several days at the beginning he was so sickened by this disgusting treatment that he could not eat, but at last when hunger overcame repugnance, the guard further befouled the plate and then reviled him as "a dirty English swine."

One American.

The worst of his persecutions was one, who speaking excellent English, declared himself to be a German-American of whom America had many just as eager as he to destroy the enemies of the fatherland. He said that he was the officer told of men so feeble from lack of food and ill conditions as to be able scarcely to stand, being forced to work at the point of a bayonet until they dropped from sheer weakness, of badly set fractured arms and legs, of soldiers buried to the accompaniment of the jeers of German soldiers, of the long journeys of the badly wounded without relief of dressings, food or water, of wounded prisoners marched to exhaustion, and then shot down like dogs when they no longer could walk, of prisoners put into camps where typhus raged.

CITED FOR GALLANTRY

Frank A. Ross, private, of the American Expeditionary Forces, has been cited for gallantry in French army orders. Letters of commendation written to him by General Pershing's chief of staff, was made public by the War Department.

Private Ross distinguished himself by courage under fire during a recent bombardment. He was gassed, necessitating his removal to a hospital.

FIRE NEAR MONCTON

Moncton, May 28.—Abner West, of Dundas, MacLaughlin Road, about 14 miles from Moncton, lost his house and two barns by fire on Friday night. The family narrowly escaped alive. None of the furniture was saved, but with the help of neighbors the stock and farm implements were removed from the hands. Loss is estimated at over \$3,000; insurance only \$750.

SANTA MARIA IS IN MORE TROUBLE

\$80,000 Hoodoo Replica of Columbus Ship Detained by Canadian Government.

Charlottetown, May 28.—The unlucky \$80,000 replica of Columbus ship Santa Maria, which was constructed for exhibition purposes, is in more trouble here. She is in charge of two armed sailors and the captain has been ordered ashore. The Canadian customs department is holding the vessel until settlement of a claim is made. After she is released she will start for Chicago. The Santa Maria has been seized by creditors and others on several occasions and has been damaged on her present long voyage.

DIED.

GREEN—On the 27th inst. Mary Edith, beloved daughter of Frederick and Minnie E. Green.

Funeral on Wednesday, Service at 2.30 p. m. 161 Charlotte street.

CARSON—On the 27th inst. at the General Public Hospital after a short illness, Joseph Carson aged 67 years, leaving wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. from late residence, 98 Portland street, interment at Fernhill Cemetery.

GOOD SEAMANSHIP PREVENTS LOSS OF MANY VESSELS

Phrase "British Merchant Vessels Unsuccessfully Attacked" in Official Reports Hide Many a Story of Gallant Work.

London, May 10.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—In the weekly return showing the number of British merchant vessels attacked by submarines occurs the phrase "British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked." The Admiralty records show that hidden away in that phrase is many a story of gallant seamanship.

During the month from March 15 to April 15 of this year, sixty-four British vessels were attacked unsuccessfully by U-boats.

The submarines which attack a defensively armed merchantman has no longer a "sure thing." During the past month there were several cases in which even two U-boats were unsuccessful in an attack on a single steamer. There are several cases, also, in which the steamer completely turned the tables on the German, and sent him to the bottom instead.

Even sailing ships frequently give a good account of themselves against the submarine, although in the future of things they are much less likely to manoeuvre than a ship with steam power. The following is one such case reported to the Admiralty:

"A sailing ship was proceeding look-out on her course when the lookout sighted a submarine on the starboard quarter. She lay quiet until the U-boat came within range, and then opened fire. The gun crew knew their business, for they soon found the target, and out of thirteen shots, eight direct hits were scored. The U-boat, which had been vainly twisting and turning to get out of range, suddenly went down by the bows, and hefted stern clear of the water for nearly half a minute. Then she dived perpendicularly, and came up again at an angle of thirty degrees above the water. For a short space of time she remained in this position, and then disappeared like a stone."

Early one afternoon the captain of a steamer in Ballast saw the track of a torpedo coming direct for his ship. By a quick swing he succeeded in avoiding it. Then the U-boat came out of the water and opened fire, one of his shells piercing the deck and wringing the second cook's cabin. The steamer replied valiantly, but failed to do sufficient injury to force the German to discontinue the action. But after four hours, the steamer got the submarine amidships of the steam-boat, and continued for four hours, the steamer going to top speed all the time and keeping the submarine dead astern. A shot from the steamer struck the submarine amidships, and the submarine continued to force the German to discontinue the action. But after four hours, the steamer got the submarine into a smoke cloud, and a shell appeared to burst close to the U-boat's bow, after which the enemy quit the chase.

In another attack, which was successfully beaten off, the merchantman's gunners were handicapped owing to the deck giving way under the gun early in the action. Every time the gun kicked the platform under it jumped. The man who was sighting it was injured, but the crew continued firing and eventually forced the submarine to discontinue the action. One of the first shots from the submarine broke the wireless aerials of the steamer, but the wireless operator repaired the damage under fire and got a message through to the nearest British destroyers.

FOUR BODIES FOUND

Halifax, May 28.—The bodies of victims of the great explosion last December continue to be found. The bodies of Mrs. Annie M. R. Upham and three young children were found in the ruins of their residence.

OF COURSE if you only know one

type-writer you are liable to believe that the best one, but if you have tried out various makes you will almost invariably prefer the REMINGTON. A Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAY

Men will find here of Suits with Sport - some with belts - and across back - close fitting and without belts. Flannel Trousers - white with black stripe - and neckwear, too, - velvety patterns.

THE WEATHER

Moderate winds, fair; a little higher temperature. May 28—Northern New air Wednesday and Thursday north winds. Showers locally today in Quebec (Stimons Province); elsewhere the weather has been fine, west much warmer.

JOHN MARKET

Wheat	10.25	10.35
Barley	8.75	8.85
Oats	7.50	7.60
Rye	6.25	6.35
Flour	12.00	12.10
Beans	5.00	5.10
Peas	4.50	4.60
Apples	3.00	3.10
Pears	2.50	2.60
Oranges	1.50	1.60
Lemons	1.25	1.35
Strawberries	0.75	0.85
Raspberries	0.50	0.60
Blackberries	0.40	0.50
Cherries	0.30	0.40
Plums	0.25	0.35
Small lots	1.00	1.10
Large lots	0.80	0.90