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CANADIAN BOYS IN HEAVY FIGHTING; HUNS RE-TAKE VILLAGE OF FRESNOY

CANADIANS IN SEVERE FIGHTING

After Five Days of Combat Germans Re-take Fresnoy.

HUNS PAY TERRIBLE PRICE FOR GAIN.

Used Asphyxiating Gas Shells in Large Numbers in the Attack.

After five days of extraordinary hard fighting between the Canadians and the Germans the little village of Fresnoy, lying southeast of Lens, and the adjacent wood area again in German hands.

Gas Shells Used.

Preceded by a heavy artillery fire in which asphyxiating gas shells also were used in large numbers, the counter-attack was launched in the early morning. The machine gun and rifle fire of the defenders met the German advance, and they threw themselves forward, but they would not be denied, and finally penetrated the trenches north-east of the village, and even entered the outskirts of the village itself.

Reforming later, and reinforced by two fresh divisions, the Germans again made a bid for victory along the entire front before the village and wood. The right wing of the Germans held steadily and inflicted heavy losses on the Canadians. The left wing, however, despite stubborn resistance, was compelled to give ground and to evacuate the village and wood, leaving them in the hands of the Germans.

SUBMARINES REPORTED IN ATLANTIC

It is Said Until Recently They Have Been Supplied From U. S. by American Vessels.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 8.—There are German submarines in the Atlantic, and until very recently they have been supplied from the United States by ships flying the American flag, according to statements by members of the crew of the steamer *Manowick*, which for several weeks was detained in the harbor at St. Thomas.

Twenty-one of the crew are returning to the United States, after difficulties with Captain F. Rogstead, master of the ship.

MANY VESSELS ARRIVE AT THE MAGDALENS

Etang Du Nord, Magdalen Islands, May 8.—A large fleet of fishing vessels, many of them from the Passamaquoddy Bay, Nova Scotia, and Gloucester, Mass., have arrived at the islands for herring. Among the arrivals are several from Eastport, Me. The schooners from Eastport and Passamaquoddy Bay will take cargoes of herring to the mainland, while most of the other craft will use the fish for bait. The herring are only fairly plentiful.

Ice has interfered with vessels and fishing at some points, but as a rule the bays are clear. One schooner was badly damaged on the trip to the islands.

IRISH QUESTION IS POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 17

London, May 8.—The government's statement on the Irish question has been postponed until Thursday of next week, Earl Curzon informed the house of lords today.

Germans Re-Capture Village of Fresnoy

Enemy Repulsed on Right of Front Attacked with Heavy Losses, But Successful on Left of Line.

HUNS ACCOMPLISH GAIN WITH TWO FRESH DIVISIONS

Terrific Fighting During Monday Night and Yesterday in Arras Region—Berlin Claims Victory in Macedonia.

London, May 8.—The Germans today, in the neighborhood of Fresnoy succeeded, after heavy counter-attacks in gaining a foothold in the village. This information is contained in the official communication issued this afternoon, which says:

"The enemy made heavy counter-attacks this morning upon our positions in the neighborhood of Fresnoy. In the first of these they succeeded in gaining a foothold in our trenches northeast of the village but the ground lost was shortly afterward regained by our counter-attack.

"Later in the morning a second attack in force was delivered by two fresh German divisions east of Fresnoy. On the right of the front attacked the enemy's troops were repulsed with heavy losses, and our positions successfully maintained.

"On the left, after fierce resistance, our troops were compelled to withdraw from Fresnoy village and wood."

Aeroplane Attacks.

"Bombing operations by our airplanes continued yesterday and during the previous night, large quantities of explosives being dropped with good results. During the day seven of our airplanes carried out a highly successful attack upon the enemy's observation balloons, seven of which were brought down in flames. Six German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting, two others were shot down by fire from the ground. Seven German machines were driven down out of control.

"Eight of our airplanes are missing."

Berlin's Statement.

Berlin, May 8, via London.—Attacks by the British near Roux and on German positions between Fontaine and Hincourt were repulsed, the statement says.

"The storming of Fresnoy took place this morning. The place was held, it is declared, against British attempts to recapture it.

"The text of the statement reads: 'Front of importance occurred throughout the day to the north of Craonne, where the French, in fruitless and costly attacks, attempted to wrest from us the rich positions between Hurbise and Craonne.

"They were not successful anywhere.

Germans Attacked.

"In the evening and during the night local attacks were delivered by the enemy against several of our positions on the front from Vauxillon to Corbeny, which, apart from slight local success on the part of the French to the west of Craonne, failed everywhere before our brave defense.

"At Neuville strong artillery fire introduced in the afternoon a fruitless enemy attack against Hill 100 and our trenches adjoining this hill.

The Arras Battle.

"Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht: Arras sector: The artillery battle has increased in violence. Enemy attacks against our positions between Pontaine and Hincourt were repulsed with sanguinary losses.

"During the battles for the possession of Bullécourt the enemy remained in possession of the southeastern boundary of the village and our troops stormed Fresnoy, and held the village against British attempts at recapturing it. Two hundred prisoners and six machine guns have been brought in up to the present.

"Macedonian front: Enemy advances between Lakes Ochrida and Prespa were repulsed by Austrian and Turkish troops with sanguinary losses."

LABOR DELEGATES WILL GO TO WASHINGTON.

Special to The Standard.

DISTILLERIES DOING GREAT WORK IN WAR

Not Making Joy Juice but High Explosives.

BREWERIES, HOWEVER, USING SOME GRAIN.

Government Provides Good Seed Grain for the Farmers.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 8.—A useful debate was precipitated in the common today by E. B. Devlin of Wright county upon the subject of grain for breweries. There is a general impression that the immense quantities of grain which were formerly used for the production of whiskey and beer are still to almost the same extent being gobbled up by these institutions for the softness purpose. The impression is wrong.

Only a very few, and these very smallest of distilleries are engaged in the manufacture of liquor. Instead they are producing high explosives for the imperial munitions board in immense quantities.

Government Provides Seed.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Martin Burrell told parliament today of the precautions taken by the government to provide good seed wheat for the farmers of the west and wheat for eastern Canada. In all the continent in the west had purchased six hundred thousand bushels of seed wheat and two hundred thousand bushels of oats and barley.

The minister of agriculture also discussed the proposition to fix a maximum and minimum price for potatoes this year. He said such a proposition was almost impracticable.

WILL RAISE COMPULSORY ARMY ISSUE

Sir Sam Hughes Will Move That Militia Act Be Applied in Canada or Similar Action.

Ottawa, May 8.—Lieutenant General Sir Sam Hughes will raise in the commons the question of compulsory military service. With recruiting down to a very low figure, casualties mounting, and the need for further reinforcements at the front pressing, Sir Sam believes that the government should take more drastic measures than now obtained in order to get the shaker to roll in some form of war work. He will move, in the commons, at the first fitting opportunity the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of this house the best interests of Canada, of the empire and of humanity will be served by the application of the militia act or by some other action to raise troops for compulsory overseas service."

MORE TROUBLE FOR KING CONSTANTINE

Great Crowd at Saloniki Demand Dethronement of the Kaiser's Brother-in-law.

London, May 8.—Telegraphing from Saloniki, Sunday, Reuter's correspondent says:

"Today was a great day in the history of Saloniki. A mass meeting proclaimed the deposition of the king and dynasty.

"Over forty thousand persons cheered themselves hoarse with shouts of 'Long Live Venizelos,' and 'down with the king.'"

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL CO. ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS.

New York, May 8.—International Nickel Corporation yesterday declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on common stock, payable June 1 to stock of record May 14. Thomas Morrison, of Pittsburgh, and Charles Hayden, of Haystack Stone & Co., were elected to the board of directors to fill the unexpired terms of Colonel R. M. Thompson and S. H. P. Pell, resigned. W. T. Graham was elected to the executive committee to fill the unexpired term of Col. Thompson.

LABOR DELEGATES WILL GO TO WASHINGTON.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 8.—Senator G. D. Robertson and Mr. J. C. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, were selected by the government today as the Canadian representatives at the British-American war work conference which is now being held at Washington.

Teuton Waves Melt Before French Fire

Enemy Desperately Storms Positions Taken from Him to Southward of Berry-Au-Bac, but Makes No Impression on Defenders.

MANY PRISONERS FALL INTO THE HANDS OF FRENCH ARMY

German Artillery, Violently Counter-Shelled, Bombards Cerny-Hurtebise Sector Near Craonne—Airplane Victories.

Great Headquarters of the French Army in France, May 8.—(From a staff correspondent of The Associated Press)—The Germans today desperately stormed the positions captured by the French to the south of Berry-Au-Bac, but they made no impression: What was left of the strong attacking waves was forced to retire, leaving behind many dead and 120 prisoners in the hands of the French.

"Further batches of prisoners fell into the French net at other points as a result of various raids, bringing the total of unwounded Germans taken prisoner to between 29,000 and 30,000 since April 16. A German wireless message dated May 2 declares:

"The total number of Germans unaccounted for in the battles between April 8 and 20, including dead and wounded left on the field and prisoners, reached 7,500."

STEAMER ON FIRE

San Sebastian of Over 8,000 Tons Ablaze off Massachusetts Coast—Aid Alongside.

Boston, May 8.—The steamer *San Sebastian* is on fire ten miles off the Nantucket Shoals Lightship. Another steamer, belonging to a trans-Atlantic line, is standing alongside. It is believed the ship is the British motor vessel *San Sebastian*, of 8,900 tons, last reported at New York on April 25.

THE U. S. WINTER WHEAT CROP INFERIOR ONE

Government Report Shows Lowest Condition Recorded Since 1888—Probably Smallest Yield Since 1904.

Washington, May 8.—In the face of a threatened world food shortage, the American winter wheat crop shows the lowest recorded since 1888 and promises a smaller yield than any other since 1904.

Winter wheat planted last autumn on one of the largest acreages ever sown to that grain, but which met disaster in several important producing states, from severe winter conditions, now promises a harvest of 336,116,000 bushels this year. That quantity based its estimate on the condition of the crop May 11.

AUSTRALIAN COALITION CARRIES BOTH HOUSES

Melbourne May 8.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency—The final results of the commonwealth elections follows: Representatives—Liberals 35. Hughesites—15. Labor—25. Senate—Liberals 10. Hughesites—13. Labor—13.

The National coalition ministry thus has majorities of 25 and ten in the house of representatives and senate respectively over the Laborites.

SAYS GERMANS MUST FIGHT FOR PEACE

London, May 8.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that in the Reichstag yesterday Dr. Karl Helfferich, the German vice-chancellor, spoke of the peace necessary for the German people, adding:

"We are not yet able to obtain it. We must still fight for it."

WAR WILL BE WON ONLY BY HARD FIGHTING

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour—so Says in Address to U. S. Senate.

TELLS WHERE GERMANY MADE HUGE BLUNDER.

Will Require Combined Efforts of People on Both Sides of Ocean to Win.

Washington, May 8.—Introducing Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour in the Senate today, Vice-president Marshall expressed the hope that when the war was ended the free peoples of the earth would sit down at their council table and not arise again until they have written on the firmament the legend, "It shines only for the wise, and they are not wise who are not just."

Mr. Balfour declared that Germany blundered when she counted that England and America were afraid to enter the war and estimated the effect as negligible if they did.

"That will be the wrecking of all their hopes," he said. "That is the blunder that will save civilization. I speak with confidence about the issue," said Mr. Balfour, a confidence redoubled since you have thrown in your lot."

Lafollette Applauds.

Senators Lafollette and Grona, who voted against the war resolution, and who had refrained from applause before that statement, applauded it and smiled.

"I see a suggestion," continued Mr. Balfour, "that Germany, instead of winning with arms is going to win by illegitimate submarine warfare. I believe it not. I do not minimize the gravity of the submarine menace. I do not wish to minimize it, but after all in two and a half years of war, more than one defect of like magnitude has been met and overcome.

Mr. Balfour declared the missions of the French and British "marked a new epoch in the history of the free countries of the world and in the alliance thus cemented."

Hard Fighting Ahead.

"In it," he continued, "lies some of the greatest hopes, some of the proudest expectations we dare entertain for civilization.

"The war is not going to be settled by the sinking of helpless neutrals, or the sending of women and children to the bottom of the ocean, but by hard fighting," he said, adding that it will require the combined efforts of every man and woman on both sides of the Atlantic.

PROBING NEWSPRINT SITUATION IN CANADA

Commissioner R. A. Pringle Opens Preliminary Sitting—Newspaper Publishers Not to be Deprived of Paper.

Ottawa, May 8.—The newsprint situation in Canada is to be fully investigated, Commissioner R. A. Pringle opened his preliminary sitting here today at which a general questionnaire was drafted for submission to the manufacturers, covering costs, available material, supplies, etc., and dating back to 1914.

Answers must be in by May 21, and any refusing to give the desired information will be subpoenaed. Copies of prospectuses and statements of companies as to profits must also be produced, with particular attention to those of the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company and the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company. Some information will also be sought from publishers as to their paper supplies.

Mr. Pringle stated that the people must have newspapers, and he felt that the government would see to it that publishers were not deprived of paper.

CHILD ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, May 8.—A very sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. Seth Campbell, West Sackville, on Saturday, when his little daughter, Minnie Margaret, two years and eight months of age, was shot and fatally wounded by a twenty-two rifle in the hands of her eleven year old brother. The two children were playing and the boy naturally presumed the rifle was unloaded. In the course of the play he pulled the trigger and the bullet entered his sister's head just above the forehead.