

TIDE OF BATTLE AGAIN GOES AGAINST GERMANS

BRITISH REGAIN MUCH OF GROUND LOST LAST TUESDAY

Most of Village of Fresnoy Again Wrested From Desperate Teutons—British Much Closer to Southern End of Drocourt-Queant Line.

With massed reserves and every available gun at his command, Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria is striving to halt the ceaseless British assaults on the Drocourt-Queant line, the last bulwark protecting the richest prize of the Germans in Northern France—the coal fields of Lens. The reckless expenditure of human life by the German commander has had at least a temporary reward in the recapture of Fresnoy, at the northern end of the line.

Record For Germans.
This little village and wood which surrounds it formed a sharp salient driven by the Canadians to within two miles of Drocourt. Its capture marks the first time in the present offensive that a German counter-attack has succeeded in wresting an important position from the British.

Curiously enough the same official statement from Berlin which announces the capture of Fresnoy, indicates that the British are much closer to the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line than has been claimed by

London. The German war reports reports heavy fighting between Fresnoy and Fontaine, the former village being a bare mile and a half from Queant and less than that distance from Cambrai, the next German stronghold north of Queant. Everything indicates that the present struggle on the British front is regarded on both sides as one of the most important actions of the war, but it may be many days before any decision is reached.

British Regain Ground.
British Headquarters in France, May 9, via London.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—Most of the ground lost by the British in the vicinity of Fresnoy has been regained. The Germans are barely holding Fresnoy village itself. Paris, May 9.—The French last night captured first line German trenches over a front of three-quarters of a mile northeast of Chevreux, near Craonne, the war office so announces. The French took 100 prisoners. During the night the Germans made repeated counter-attacks in force against the French positions taken from them on the plateau of Chemin

des Dames and the Calvaire plateau. Although the Germans were stopped by French artillery and machine gun fire, new assaulting waves resumed the effort several times, until the ground was strewn with German dead. (By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press in France).
Canadian Army Headquarters, May 9.—The night of Tuesday passed in comparative calm on the Canadian front, but to the south around about Fresnoy, there has been heavy fighting.

Concentrating the greater part of a division of his most trusted Bavarian troops against the Fresnoy front held by a single British battalion, Prince Rupprecht attacked at dawn on Tuesday and carried the village. Its over-matched defenders fought with tenacity and stayed the Bavarian advance well to the east of Arleux.

The Canadian front to the north was realigned to conform to the new line in the region about Fresnoy, and the artillery set about its task of making the village untenable for the enemy. Counter battery work, still engrossing attention on the Canadian front with satisfactory results. The enemy's fire from heavy guns mounted in the region of Lens has distinctly slackened. He makes much use of gas shells.

COPPER SHARES WILL PAY BIG DIVIDENDS.
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, May 9.—Information channels with Washington connections are confident that the retroactive feature of the house war tax bill will not pass. Great opposition is arising against it, according to the sources. Attention is being directed in copper circles to the point that practically all the net earnings of copper producing companies are available for dividends because of the absence of bond obligations and that many of them are earning now more than twice the dividend rates.
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IRISH BISHOPS TAKE HAND IN HOME RULE

Roman Catholic Prelates and Three Bishops of Irish Episcopal Church Sign Manifesto Against Partition of Country.

London, May 9.—The morning papers display a manifesto issued in Ireland by eighteen Catholic bishops, three Episcopal bishops and five chairmen of county councils, strongly protesting against the partition of Ireland and appealing to the people to sign a protest against such a step. The manifesto is declared to be unprecedented in that it is the first time that Irish prelates of the Roman and Irish (Episcopal) churches have combined for a political aim.

In some of the Dublin despatches it is contended that the manifesto has killed any idea of settling the Irish difficulty by the separation of Ulster. This view is disputed, however, by other commentators who quote a striking letter sent to the newspapers by Dr. Walsh, the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin and one of the signatories to the manifesto. Archbishop Walsh says that some people might wonder why it was thought

worth while to sign a manifesto against partition as they might assume that "the miserable policy" was abandoned months ago. He assures his readers that on the contrary the plan holds a place in today's political politics and adds: "I think it is my duty to write this, although, from information which has just reached me, I am fairly satisfied that the mischief is already done and the country practically sold."

The conclusion drawn in some quarters of Ireland from the archbishop's letter is that the Nationalist party, if not committed to some settlement on the basis of partition, at least has been considering such a step.

THE BARGAIN HUNTERS APPEAR IN WALL ST.
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, May 9.—The market was irregular in the last hour and pressure was lessened. A number of stocks including Gas, D. H. A. T. T. and B. T. T. sold fractionally higher than Tuesday's close. Steel rallied 2 points from the low. Bargain hunters appeared in the market and gave it some support. There are men in the street who do not believe the ultimate tax program will be as stringent in measure as at present indicated. There are others who look for an early announcement from officials in the government that prosperity of the country will in no way be interfered with through legislation.

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Killed in Action.
A long list of Canada's sons fallen in battle is added to that of Private Robert E. Braded on April 9th. Private was 30 years of age, was born in London, England, and came to this country eight years ago. He mourns a grief-stricken wife and small sons, residing at 61 St. James Street, London, Ontario. His mother and one brother are in England. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and went over to the First Contingent. He was wounded last fall at the Somme by shrapnel and it was not long after he returned to the trenches as a joiner in the colors he was a salesman for several man-companies, and was very thorough in the province.

Don't Keep Back Tears
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THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT
The policy of the Dominion Alliance is to encourage the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act (Scott Act) in counties in which it has been operating. Where this is done the new Provincial Prohibitory Law would then become effective.
It is always easier to enforce one uniform law. The New Brunswick Government cannot put its new law in effect in Scott Act counties, as the latter is Dominion legislation, which has precedence over provincial legislation. Friends of temperance who live in Scott Act counties are, however, asked to cooperate in the more thorough enforcement of that Act so long as it continues in operation.

Help to Enforce Prohibition
Since September 16, 1916, Ontario has enjoyed good enforcement of Prohibition in all but a few districts. Not the most daring anti-prohibitionist harbors the slightest hope for a return to the curse of the traffic in Ontario. Here are some figures showing results in Ontario's largest cities for the last three months of 1915 and 1916:

	DRUNKENNESS		ALL OFFENCES	
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Toronto	2,908	953	8,291	5,682
Ottawa	286	234	587	607
Hamilton	498	61	1,341	749
London	367	144	783	501
Brantford	152	16	354	260

Note—It will be noted that Ottawa has not much reduction in arrests for drunkenness, and that it has an actual increase in all offences. It is perhaps strange that it should show any reduction in the drunkenness record, inasmuch as it is separated only by a river from the license city of Hull. —Pioneer, Toronto.

United public opinion in New Brunswick can enforce any law—upon every man and woman in the province lies the responsibility of helping the officers of the law enforce Prohibition properly.

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