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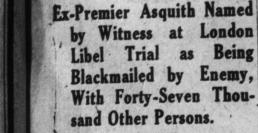
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London, May 30 .- Noel Pemberton-Billing, member of parliament for East Hertfordshire, and publisher of the newspaper Vigilante, opening his de-fence in his trial in the Bow Street police court today on the charge of libelling Maud Allan, dancer, and J. T. Grein, manager of the Independent Theatre, called Mrs. Villiers Stewart to prove the existence of a book which Pemberton-Billing alleged had been prepared by German secret agents containing the names of 47,000 Brit-ish persons said to be addicted to vice and held in bondage to Germany thru fear of exposure. Mrs. Stewart, under examination by lling, member of parliament for East

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the most sacred secrets of state were threatened. It also declared that Germany thru fear of exposure. Mrs. Stewart, under examination by Mr. Pemberton-Billing, said the book which she had seen, but which was not produced, contained the names of expremier Asquith and Mrs. Assuuth / Viscount Haldane, former sector setary for war; and Justice Darling, who is trying the case against the member of parliament. Mother, witness, Captain Harold Spencer, said he was shown the book by Prince William of Wied, in Albania. He said he did not remember seeing Mr. Asquith's name in it, but he declared the names of Mrs. Asquith and Viscount Haldane were there. Captain Spencer and Mrs. Stew-

GERMANS ADMIT ALLIED RESISTANCE HAS STARTED TO HOLD UP ADVANCE

TO INVOLVE MANY BRITONS

Official Note From Headquarters Warns Enemy Population Against Expecting Much.

Zurich, May 30.-Newspapers in southern Germany publish the fol-lowing note from the German headquarters:

"The populations should not expect our advance to continue at the same rate as on the first day. The resistance of the enemy is becoming desperate and violent counter-attacks are to be expected. The transport of artillery and munitions also is meeting with some difficulty." Speaking of losses, the note adds that to estimate them correctly the people should not forget the gravity or importance of the struggle.

BRITISH BOMB ROADS IN REAR OF ENEMY

> Six German Airplanes Fall in Fighting Among Clouds-Long-

Powerful Attacks Enable Germans to Reach Towns NearFamousFighting Ground, But in Other Sectors the Enemy is Being Held --- Stronger French Resistance Prevents German Exit From Soissons and Capture of Rheims---Foch Pours Reinforcements Towards Battlefield Where Fighting Continues.

> fighting their way toward the Marne from Fere-en-Tardenois. According to the statement, the enemy claims to have taken thirty-five thousand prisoners and a tremendous amount of booty in cannon and material. The indications from official and unofficial reports are that while continuing his efforts to widen his salient, the enemy appears to be turning the main direction of his movement west-

tion of capturing the railroads connecting with Paris. The push southward to the Marne is an attempt to cut the Paris-Chalons line, in the opinion of military critics here. There is still some disagreement as to whether the German

high comand is likely to make a bigger main attack elsewhere, but the movement for Paris seems to square with the idea of the German press that political motives call for a blow at the French armies and that this is of equal importance with a strategic effort to reach the sea, either thru Amiens or further north, with the intention of dividing the allied forces.

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Criticisms are beginning to be heard here whether the allies' air supremacy was employed to the best advantage, since the Germans have been able, for a second time, to assemble huge forces for a surprise attack on a thinly-held section of the allied line.

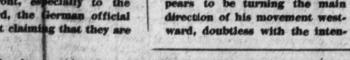


night's news from the battlefield of the Aisne is more favorable, inasmuch as the allies are holding the enemy on the two flanks at Soissons and Rheims and the Germans' rate of progress has been slowed down. The danger is by no means past, however, and hot fighting continues along the whole front, especially to the southward, the German official statement claiming that they are

ONDON. May 30 .- To-

he Toronto World

FRIDAY MORNING MAY 31 1918



The proving the case against the member of parliament.
Another, witness, w

some of which are named among the decisive combats of history. On the eastern end of the fighting line some of the forts before Rheims are said to have fallen, which was to be expected from the fact that they have been outflanked by the tide of invasion that has ammunition dumps and billets in the neightorhood of Armentiores and Ba-paume. "The hombing operations continued during Wednesday night and 16 tons of bombs were dropped on railway stations, including those at Valen-ciennes and Busigny, and on towns and roads behind the enemy's lines. Projectiles were also dropped on the docks at Bruges. All our machines The situation, while apparently extremely serious, has not as-sumed the critical aspect of the fighting late in March. The allies are resisting the enemy's attacks stubbornly, giving ground when over-powered, and always maintaining a solid front.

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those who had been approached and had succumbed to German temptation. He had placed the information before the foreign office,

the war office and the admiralty. "There was great political pressure brought to bear," said the witness, "and I was told that if it were pub-Jished it would undermine the whole Jished it would undermine the whole fabrie of the government. I then took it to the political machine." Captain Spencer declared that pres-sure had been brought to bear to sup-

press the matter in September last, when a "political crisis was on and they were trying to bring Asquith back Sir George Foster's Sermon of to power." Pemberton-Billing explained that his Thrift to Montreal Confer-

object in calling evidence as to the existence of the book of names was to prove the existence of the "cult" referred to in the alleged libel, and

ment," he said.

with this intelligence."

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Mr. Pemberton Billing's paper, Vigilante, of an attack on Miss Allan,

such as it was unworthy of any man

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its political significance. Continuing his testimony Captain acting premier and minister of trade Spencer, who was a member of the and commerce, delivered a striking International Gendarmerie in Albania sermon on thrift to lay members of before the war and aide-de-camp to the Methodist conference of Montreal These Must Be Independent and commerce, delivered 'a striking Frince William of Wied, and is now a member of the Royal Air Force, and Ottawa here tonight. Said sir George:

said he wrote the article which con-tained the alleged libel and which was "How many of us are eating one whit less? How many of us are wearbased on a letter from Marie Corelli, ing one whit less? How many are the novelist. Last September he had using one whit less of gasoline? How heard of a camarilla in financial circles whose object was to get Asquith back in power and make a German peace. As a precaution he informed

OTHERS STARVIN

ence Laymen.

American naval headquarters so that plot might be frustrated. "Admiral Mayo and his secretary came to me and got the whole state-Camarilla at Work.

in other lands—little children, men and women of middle age. While we are more than clothed millions have not enough clothing to protect them. It gets my goat to see women in the middle of July flaunting costly furs on their necks, and they are no more to blame than many of you men. You do not realize what obligations Canada has to fulfil to pay for her share in this war. You cannot, you must not spend a nickel foolishly. The worst is yet Asked whether he knew of opera-tions of the camarilla between England and Germany, the witness re-"They have had messages between England and Germany a nickel foolishly. The worst is yet public law and the breach of public to come, and we must pay the bill out faith by Germany, and to protect a One of the principal measengers, he learned from persons who had reported to the intelligence department, society woman, Mrs. George Keppel. He had seen Mrs. Keppel come back from In the German book to which he cessary nickel"

cessary nickel" Speaking of the church and the war Sir George said that if ever there With respect to the idea of a league had referred there was a note after each name indicating the particular way in which the person could best "The whole atmosphere." was now.

Billing, member of parliament. of are the true elements of Christianity, had abandoned her scheme of military libelling Maud Allan, an American No man knows who will win on that aggression. dancer, and J. T. Grein, manager of the independent Theatre, which is new hope and men who fear. We can only hope and men who fear. We can only SEVIGNY FOR LONDON: being tried in the Bow street police lay back in faith and confidence on court, arose out of the publication in the justice of our cause."

PANIC AT MANNHEIM.

to make upon a woman, according to Eighteen Women and Children

Trampled to Death on Sound of Alarm.

The meaning of the passage com-plained of was that there was some connection between nameless vice and Geneva, May 30, -- Eighteen women e performances at the Independent Theatre. This was made clearer by a and children were trampled to death and a number of persons were in sum jured in a panic which followed an eral. cryptic reference, suggesting that, if Scotland Yard were to seize a list of aerial raid alarm, sounded at mid-day in Mannheim yesterday, according to a despatch received here. The streets were crowded when the alarm was the members subscribing to the Independent Theatre, there was "no coubt they would secure the names of several thousand of the 47,000."

given and a wild scramble for shelter torpedo works at St. Poelten, Austria, ensued. It developed later that the has been destroyed by fire, according The paper went on to state that there existed in the "cabinet noir" of a certain German prince a book com-puled by the secret service from the Mannheims. It developed later that the has been destroyed by nre, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch form Zurich. Vienna newspapers de-clare the fire was the result of sabot-age by Italian workmen in the plant.

This is the first action taken under These Who Succumbed. Captain Spencer, before giving the names of Mrs. Asquith and Viscount Haldane, said he would only give the "Five tons of bombs were droppe by our machines during the day o long range gun shell striking a school filled with pupils, as a church where worship was in progress was struck on Good Friday last. "Five tons of bombs were dropped by our machines during the day on ammunition dumps and billets in the neigh-orhood of Armentiores and Ba-paume.

eks at Bruges. All our machines returned. addition to the saids reported

on Wednesday, our machines heavily bombed the radiway triangle at Metz-Sabions on Wednesday night. All our machines except one returned."

BRITISH WAR AIMS Ottawa, May 30 .- Sir George Foster, **TO PROTECT WEAK** of Battle Fluctuations

in France.

London, May 30 .- Baron Buckmasmany of us are wearing clothes that we ought to be ashamed of in war time? While we cat sumptuously National Liberal Club, at which Maevery day there are millions starving for George Haven Putnam, president in other lands-little children, men of the American Rights League, was

to come, and we must pay the bin out of what we earn and save. Wear the clothes that you used to wear one year, for three. Get them patched and darned. No one, from the child of three, can afford to spend one unne-three, reas afford to spend one unne-three to the spend one unne-the spend one unne-spend on the spend one unne-the spend unon the institute of its character.

With respect to the idea of a league was an opportunity for Christianity it of nations, he contended that such a league must include Germany, but it How Case Arose. The charge against Noel Pemberton- of sacrifice and devotion and those There must be evidence that Germany. he said, "is surcharged with the spirit must be a reconstructed Germany.

BLONDIN FOR CABINET

Ottawa, May 31 .- It is now reported that Hor, Albert Sevigny, former min-ister of inland revenue, may go to London to join the staff of the high commissioner, upon which it appears

there is no French-speaking m It is expected that Hon. P. E. Blondin will return in the fall and resume his duties as postmaster-gen-

TORPEDO WORKS BURNED.

London. May 30. - The Whitehead

SEVEN MILES FROM THE MARNE.

The wave of the advance is now approaching the valley of the Marne, the nearest approach to that avenue toward Paris being at the Village of Vezilly, which lies at the extreme apex of the German wedge and is about seven miles from the river. In 1914 the Germans ad-vanced over a front extending from Braisne, just east of Soissons, to Vauguois, a little west of Verdun. After having reached the Marne.

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might crumple up the German armies to the east of Soissons. The Americans who captured Cantigny have beaten off attacks by the Germans. Large German forces are said to have been gather-ed to retake the village, and they have launched savage assaults at the Americans, but the latter, with rifle and machine gun fire, have mowed down the advancing Teutons, while the artillery has smashed the German formations with barrage fire. Along the American-held positions in the Toul and Luneville sectors there have been several spirited engagements, but nowhere have the Grmans succeeded in penetrating the lines. The allied positions in the Flanders sector have been subjected to bombardments, but the only infantry fighting there has been initi-

to bombardments, but the only infantry fighting there has been initi-ated by the French near Dickebusch Lake, south of Ypres, who im-

proved their positions as the result of an attack on the Germans. The fighting on the Italian front has not been of an unusu

FRENCH Enemy Intends to Turn Towards the West

With the French Army in France, May 30.—The Germans in the Champagne pushed farther towards the River Marne today. The intention of the Teutons probably is to secure a position enabling them to turn to the westward with the bulk of their attacking armies. The efforts of the Germans since their first rapid advance appear to take a fan-like movement. The principal column of the Teuton divisions seems to be thrusting in the direction of Fere-en-Tardenois, which now is under a heavy fire.

On both flanks also strong forces are engaged. The first of these captured Soissons, while on the eastern flank they threaten Rheims. In the latter region, however, they are meeting with the sternest defence from the Franco-British forces, which, nevertheless,

have been obliged to realign in order to keep the front straight.

"We have prevented enemy progress in the western outskirts of seons," says the official report from French headquarters tonight. "To the south we solidly hold the left bank of the Crise River. The Germans are multiplying their efforts in the direction of Ville-en-Tardenois. "In the centre the fighting has not diminished in intensity. The Germans have occupied Fere-en-Tardenois and Veziliy.

"The battle continued today with undiminished violence along the whole extent of the front.

London, May 30.—A despatch from Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says that, being held on the flanks at Soissons and Rheims, the Germans are throwing their entire strength south-wards, obviously with the Marne for their goal. It is probable that the Germans hope to establish themselves on the Marne, with a view to turning the direction of their main effort westward, trusting to the

to turning the direction of their main effort westward, trusting to the river to protect their right flank. The hottest fighting is proceeding along the whole southern front of the advance. The report, which was sent at noon, said that this morning it had been learned for the first time that reserve units were engaged in the support of divisions which had borne the whole weight of the onslaught since Monday. The text of the official statement issued by the war office today reads: "A successful local operation was carried out by French troops east of Dickebusch Lake last night, resulting in an improvement of our por-tion in that sector.

tion in that sector.

"Beyond artillery activity on both sides there is nothing to report from the remainder of the British front."

AMERICAN

Vauquois, a little west of Verdun. After having reached the marne, the Teutons turned the force of their advance toward the west and they may be expected to repeat their tactics of four years ago. The reserve forces at the command of Generalissimo Foch are now coming into action on ground chosen for the combat by that master strategist, and it is possible that a blow of tremendous propor-tions may be struck somewhere along the front of the German wave, or on its western side, which seems to be open to an attack which of any cha

GERMAN

Enemy Claims More Than 35,000 Prisoners

Berlin, May 30.—(via London, May 30).—Crecy-au-Mont, Juvigny and Cuffies, suburbs of Soissons, lying to the north of that city, have been captured by the Germans, according to the official statement issued by the war office, which says that the number of prisoners has increased to over 35,000.

The forts on the northwestern front of Rheims have fallen. The text of the statement follows:

"On the battlefront, between the Yser and the Oise, fighting activity "On the battlefront, between the Yper and the Oise, fighting activity has increased frequently. There were some local infantry engagements. "The armies of the German crown prince are progressing victoriously. North of the Aisne, ground has been gained after hard fighting. Greey-su-Mont, Juvigny and Cuffles have been occupied. "Solesons has been taken by Brandenburg troops. "The number of prisoners has increased to more than 35,000, and

the booty in artillery and war material is tremendous. "South of the Vesle, the French front, which was in course of forma-tion, broke down under uninterrupted attacks by our divisions. We threw the enemy back after stubborn resistance, as far as and across the line of Villemontoire, Fere-en-Tardenois, Coulonges, Broufliet and nscourt.

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"The forts on the northwestern front of Kneims have fallen. The northern parts of La Nouvillette and Betheny were captured. Guns of every description up to railway guns of the heaviest calibre, were taken. "The impetuous advance of our attacking forces prevented the enemy from carrying back rich war provisions heaped up in the captured terri-tories; large depots fell into our hands at Soissons, Braisne and Fismes. Extensive munition depots, railway trains and hospital establishments. with a large quantity of medical equipment, fell into our possession. An airdrome with machines ready to start and airplane materials also was captured.