

BRITISH PLANS IN FRANCE REVEALED BY MAURICE

TO SENSATIONAL DRIVE IN NORTH FRANCE JUST YET

British Policy is to Wear Down Germans—Will be Slow Hammer and Tongs Fighting, Declares Major General Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations.

London, May 17.—The British and French have forced the Germans to use virtually all the fresh reserves which they had at the beginning of the battle of Arras. Major General F. H. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, said today when the British offensive began the Germans had forty-nine reserve divisions on the western front. The British onslaught at Arras and have compelled the Germans to employ all but four of those divisions. The German divisions have been reorganized since the beginning of the war. General Maurice continued, but at present contain at least 20,000 men each.

Thoroughly prepared, and the result was that the German losses were much heavier than ours. Lately we have been forcing the Germans to assume the offensive and attack us in order to prevent us from going forward. This is just what we want, for the Germans are compelled to throw men against us under unfavorable circumstances without having time to make deliberate preparations.

Disastrous To Hung. "The results are disastrous for them, as their losses are tremendous. In making these counter-attacks the Germans have used virtually all their reserves, and nobody uses fresh troops unless it is necessary.

"In this connection I may cite, as a significant fact, that the German higher command lately adopted a doctrine of official statements. This was not done in the early part of the war. The German officials are trying to bolster up the courage of their people, and make them patient. In the meantime the German army is doing everything possible to tire us out and hold us while the German submarines work. They hope to win by starving us out through the U-boat campaign."

FLOUR PRICES COMING DOWN

Drop of \$1.40 in Two Days—Onions and Beans Follow Suit.

Flour has seemingly struck the toboggan and may possibly come down as rapidly as it went up. In the last two days Manitoba has fallen \$1.40, having gone down 90 cents yesterday. This was not followed by a fall in Ontario last night, but the reduction in the Ontario will probably be announced this morning. On present quotations Ontario is slightly higher than the Manitoba, but it is not expected that this will continue long. The wholesale price of Manitoba last night was \$15.50 and Ontario \$15.75. White beans dropped 25 cents per bushel while peas took a jump up ward of 50 cents. Potatoes are quoted at an advance of 50 cents per barrel, prices now being from \$7 to \$7.50. Bermuda onions dropped from \$4 to \$3.25 per bag.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 17.—A casualty list of 330 names, brings the losses among the Canadians reported since the Vimy Ridge fight to 19,359. The list includes: Infantry. Killed in action—H. E. McKay, Newport, Hants Co., N.S.; D. Keenan, Yarmouth; F. Fendell, Beaconsfield, Annapolis Co., N.S.; E. L. Morin, Bear River, N.S.; C. H. Mehan, Milltown, N.S. Died of wounds—D. H. McRae, St. John; S. M. Locke, Lockport, N.S.; B. H. Hoey, Moncton. Missing—J. D. Daley, St. John; F. Dufour, Edmundston, N.B.; N. Shi-ban, St. John; Lieut. R. W. Lindsay, Hartland, N.B.; Major E. C. Weyman, Hampton, N.B.; Lieut. W. E. Campbell, Amherst, N.S.; Lieut. J. R. Catkin, Sackville, N.B. Prisoners of war—F. E. Hawkins, Penfield, N.B.; H. Baker, Yarmouth, N.S. Missing—A. E. Tingley, Midway, N.B.; W. E. Worrell, St. Stephen, N.B. Mounted Rifles. Wounded—W. J. Bradford, Black's Harbor, N.B. Services. Wounded—H. E. Giberson, Grand Falls, N.B. Artillery. Wounded—Gunner M. C. Dixon, Moncton. Died of wounds—W. C. Ward, Sackville, N.B.; J. C. Ketchum, Woodstock, N.B. Killed in action—C. E. Clarke, Fredericton, N.B. For Gardeners. Common Clerk Wardroper has received from the Dominion entomologist another supply of Circular No. 9, "Common Garden Insects and their Control," which he will be glad to distribute among the amateur gardeners of the city. Any person desiring one will please call at his office.

"John, I, too, am going to scrap some old machinery, install new, and make my workshop efficient."
"Yes? And what's the new equipment?"
"A gas range that has big capacity built into compact space; that has everything at the right height to work without stooping the back; the economical seal flame burner and has an oven with glass front so you don't waste heat and spoil a cake just to see how it's doing."
"A millennial dream, Margaret."
"No, indeed! Mrs. Naylor has one—a McClay's!"

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Winter Lingers in the Lap of Spring.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MISS HEFFER LAST NIGHT AT GIRLS' CLUB

DISTRICT DEGREE WAS RECEIVED BY I. O. G. T. MEMBERS LAST NIGHT

Fancy Costumes Worn by Members and Friends—Miss Finley Won Prize—Pleasant Evening Spent.

Reports From Different Lodges Encouraging—Address by E. N. Stockford.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the St. John District Lodge, I. O. G. T., which was held last night in Temperance Hall at Fairville. Representatives from practically all the lodges in the county were present. A very interesting and instructive address was given by E. N. Stockford, of Hampton, Grand District Temple. An address was also given by District Chief Henry McEachern.

After the conferring of degrees and routine business a literary and musical programme was carried out consisting of the following: Miss Ham and W. Morris, instrumental duet; Miss Knox, reading; Alex. Corrigan, Chief Templar of Dominion Lodge, an address; William Arbo, mandolin solo; D. C. Fisher, address; the Misses Beardsley, Boyd and Ham, quartette; George McKell, reading; E. Goume, reading; Mrs. Sweet, solo; M. Wood, address, and John McEachern, solo. Refreshments were provided and served by the representatives of No. 3000 Lodge, The National A. S. U., they brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Clean Up Campaign.

Yesterday was the third day of the clean up campaign and indications are that it will be a big success. A large quantity of waste material has been gathered up and taken to the dumps. Today will wind up the campaign.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Panton, of Moreview Place, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on May 17.

Letter from George A. Cameron, To the Editor of The Standard: I have nothing more to say in regard to this matter, I submitted my statement which is absolutely correct, but for the benefit of the public and the temperance people I do not intend selling brandy or whiskey by the wholesale liquor dealer, please accept this gift and with it ever sincere wish for health, happiness and good fortune.

Among those present were fourteen members of the class when it was first organized. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by a short musical programme and readings by Mrs. A. C. Wilson and Miss May Pike.

DIED.

TUCK—At Sackville, May 16, Sarah Plummer Tuck, widow of the late Chief Justice W. H. Tuck, in her 82nd year, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss.

CHARLTON—Deceased, late res. on the morning of the 17th inst. J. Matilda, beloved daughter of Mrs. Jane and the late John Charlton, leaving, besides her mother, two brothers and three sisters to mourn. Funeral service at her mother's residence, No. 7 Charles street, on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Interment at St. Martin, N. B.

THE ALLIES MUST WIN

Ex-President Wm. H. Taft Makes Address Before Large Audience at Fort Fairfield.

Fort Fairfield, Me., May 17.—"The United States has entered the world war as a knight errant in behalf of freedom and a permanent peace," declared Ex-President William H. Taft in an address before a large audience here to night. "This is a serious matter which confronts us, as we are naturally care-free happy-go-lucky people. We know we are great people. We admit it, but in the face of danger we ought to show great foresight to make the proper effect on the crisis.

After reviewing the causes leading up to President Wilson's declaration of war, Mr. Taft said that the country must send a million men and more to help the Allies. Mr. Taft told how glad Americans must feel at the prospect of democratic principles in England and the overthrow of the Russian Czar. "But internal troubles of the Allies," he said, "must necessarily weaken the foundations of the governments and also effect the armies of those governments, therefore, we too, must do our share and be ready to send a million men to Europe for the purpose of winning the war, because we must win it."

Applause of long duration greeted this declaration thunderously made. Missionary Lecture. An interesting and timely lecture was given last evening in the German Street Institute by Rev. W. H. Barris, clough on "The Path-finder in Africa." In the first half of his lecture Mr. Barris depicted the early missionary experiences of the great path-finder, David Livingstone, and his travels which brought him into contact with the slave trade of Africa and which led him to work to open up the country. Later in his talk he spoke of the campaign in German East Africa from facts gleaned from the personal letters of Staff-Sergeant Harold McLeellan, who is the only Canadian with the Imperial troops operating there. The lecture was held under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Aid Society of the church, with Mrs. E. M. Sippell presiding. The proceeds will be used for the work of the society.

Enjoyable Afternoon Tea.

The tired housewife took a few hours of yesterday afternoon and went to the afternoon tea which was held for her benefit at the Y. M. C. A. under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The attendance was good and the affair was enjoyed by all.

Our Special Sale of Pictures

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TO LOAD LUMBER

Commissioner Russell yesterday that the port considerable business in lumber during the summer months has already been to come here.

We are pleased to announce that we are fast making friends in New Brunswick and receiving many orders from individuals in St. John, Fredericton and other parts of the Province for our ALE, LAGER and STOUT.

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THEUTONS BRITISH

German Dead Toward Trip

The Germans have dead before the British have failed to stop advance.

The most furious counter-attacks have been the blast of the British sapping of the Hindenburg line. The Italian Field Marshal Von stem the tide of victory steadily setting against given the battle of Arras and of the west, suit is that the most vigorous the Germans to regain have failed.

Possibly more ominous view of the wobbly Austrian ally, is the news from Trieste, where their spring offensive fashion, attacking on than at any other point. The Isoszo, a turbulent stream bordered by cliffs, is in their hands.

AMHERST RAISE

FOR Y.M.C.A.

Thirty Men Canvassed and Meet with Success.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, May 17.—An appeal made by the Y.M.C.A. for money for Y.M.C.A. overseas. The drive commenced, under the direction of Mr. McAllister of Halifax. Men teams canvassed thoroughly and as a result, money was raised in large amounts.

WILL STOP RACE TRACK

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 17.—The will be introduced short gambling on race track balance of the war, was ston given in authoritative light.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, Shear and George Ward, Lord's Day Alliance unit, Robert Borden on this subject is understood to be highly satisfactory.

EMPEROR CHARLES AUSTRIA WANTS

Rome, May 17.—(New cable)—The Vatican is confident there will be peace over from the Central Powers. Charles of Austria-Hungary, determined to make peace, government is cultivating relations with its peoples. Issues in this direction. Issues, however, no longer people, who insist upon