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Fighting Increases on the Piave Front Lines Being Improved Near St. Julien

Minor Enterprises Carried Out; New Papal Peace Offer Coming

British Raid Enemy Posts in Meteren Sector and Take Prisoners—Night Quiet Except for Artillery Firing—Austrians Claim Italian Thrusts on Piave Repulsed—New Papal Document Will Contain Concrete Offer of Mediation—Enforcement of Conscription in Ireland Postponed to Await Reception of Home Rule—Sinn Fieners Too Radical for Irish Parliamentary Party.

FRENCH IMPROVE POSITIONS NEAR ST. JULIEN

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—Today's official statement reports the repulse of a local attack on a British post near St. Julien yesterday. Enemy posts in the Meteren sector were raided during the night and some prisoners taken. French troops by a successful minor enterprise last night improved their positions in the neighborhood of St. Julien.

ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIONS LAST NIGHT

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

PARIS, May 1—The French war office statement says artillery actions of some violence took place in the region of Villers-Bretonneux and on both banks of the Avre but the night was quiet elsewhere.

FIGHTING INCREASES ON PIAVE SAYS VIENNA

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

VIENNA, May 1.—Austrian war office reports the fighting activity on southwestern front has again increased appreciably several enemy thrusts on the Piave have been repulsed.

NEW PEACE OFFER FROM THE POPE

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

THE HAGUE, May 1.—The Cologne papers announce that the Pope intends to issue another new peace offer on Whit Sunday (May 19) It said the document will be of a pressing nature and contain a concrete offer of mediation.

ENFORCEMENT POSTPONED IN IRELAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—An order in council has been issued further postpoing the enforcement of conscription in Ireland which had been fixed for May 1. No date is set by the new order. According to some of the morning newspapers the postponement is due to the government desiring to await the reception given the promised home rule bill before proceeding to enforce conscription in Ireland.

SINN FEINERS TO SPLIT WITH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1—A Dublin despatch says a split is imminent between the Sinn Fein and the Irish parliamentary party owing to the former's demands for more radical opposition to Irish conscription.

EMPEROR KARL CONFERS WITH KAISER

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—A despatch from Zurich says Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary accompanied by Baron Burin, the foreign minister proceeds almost immediately to German headquarters to confer with the German Emperor. It is stated that Ukrainian and Balkan matters will be discussed

FRONT LINE HAS BECOME STABLE

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

PARIS, May 1.—Premier Clemenceau addressing the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, explained the situation on the western front as he saw it on the occasion of his latest visit. He declared the front as a whole had become stable and that as a result of steps taken by the high command the points aimed at by the enemy were now out of danger.

ARCHDUKE'S ASSASSIN DIED OF TUBERCULOSIS

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

THE HAGUE, May 1.—Gavre Prinslip, wohse assassination of the Austrian Archduke, Frances Ferdinand at Sarajevo, was the immediate cause of the present war, died yesterday at the fortress of Theresienstadt near Prague of tuberculosis.

AMERICAN SECTOR IS QUIET

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—A despatch from American army headquarters says the situation along the American sector is becoming stabilized. There have been no infantry encounters for the past two days. The German artillery also is less active than formerly.

REGRETS ACTION OF R. C. HIERARCHY IN IRELAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—The Catholic Union of Great Britain, whose membership includes many titled and other prominent Catholics has sent to Count Gasparri for presentation to the Pope a series of resolutions expressing regret at the action of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland in opposing conscription and "thereby apparently supporting organized resistance to law."

RAISE $50,000,000 BY NEW TAXATION

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

OTTAWA, May 1.—The government hopes to raise $50,000,000 by the new taxation announced yesterday by Hon. A. K. Michen, acting minister of finances. The tax on tobacco products alone is expected to bring in a new revenue of $8,500,000 while the tax of ten cents per pound on tea is expected to yield at least three million.

Three-Day Attack Fruitless German Forces Losing Snap

British Push Back Enemy at Several Points, Notably Between Kemmel and La Clytte, and French Fling Them Out of Locre.

Again there has come a pause in the battle in Flanders, where the ground everywhere is covered with the grey-clad bodies of German dead, and the British and French are holding securely to all their positions.

From Saturday until well into Monday night Gen. von Arnim's forces continued their efforts to break the British lines on the Ypres salient and to press back the British and French from the high ground to the southwest, but everywhere their efforts were fruitless. True, they gained their objective and again captured Locre, but a counter-thrust forced them out again and at last accounts the French were holding the village.

In the hilly region just to the north of Locre the British also pushed back the enemy at several points, notably between Kemmel and La Clytte.

Much of the snap of the German attacking forces has been absent from the manoeuvres they have been carrying out in Flanders under the stiffened line of the entente troops which has been visibly apparent since last Sunday.

The death of W. N. Storms, aged thirty-six years, of Bancroft, took place Sunday night. The late Mr. Storms was a stationary engineer and was a married man.

Kingston, May 1.—Earl W. Boyce former manager of the Crown Bank at Inglewood, Ont., signed up for military service Saturday morning, and at night was married to Miss Edna McMahon, daughter of James McMahon, Godfrey, Ont.

FOUND

ON SEVENTH CON. TYENDINAGA lot 24. A brown hound, which has been here for some time. Owner please call. 2t-w

Increases In Existing Taxation and Plans To Raise Revenue

Amended Income Tax, Fresh Impost on Businesses, Increased Rates on Certain Articles, War Tax on Luxuries Included in One of Most Important Budgets Since Confederation.

Ottawa, April 30.—To Hon. A. K. Maclean, acting minister of finance, this afternoon, fell the task of presenting to parliament one of the most important budgets since confederation. The setadily growing financial obligations of the Dominion, due to the war, made necessary the announcement of a number of increases in existing taxation as well as a number of new taxation proposals. Mr. Maclean's statement which was made to a crowded house and in the presence of full galleries excited more than ordinary interest at the capital.

The minister's proposals included a renewal and extension of the business profits war tax; an increase in the income tax; an increase in the excise duties payable on manufactured tobacco, etc., a duty of 10 cents per pound on tea which has been free with a similar excise on tea in store in order that holders of the article will have no advantage; changes in the duties upon coffee and chicory in order to place the taxation upon these articles upon a parity with the taxation upon tea; an increase in the special war tax rates on sleeping car berths and parlor car seats; excise taxes on matches, playing cards; a specific duty of five cents per lineal foot upon moving picture flits; and a special war excise tax of ten per cent upon the selling value of automobiles, jewelry, gramaphones, graphaphones, phonographs, talking machines, mechanical pianos and organ players and records when imported into or manufactured in Canada. The tax upon automobiles is applicable to all imported into or manufactured in Canada, and unsold on April 30.

PRISONER IN GERMANY

LIEUT. A. KELSO ROBERTS

who is reported prisoner of war in Germany. Lieut. Roberts was reported missing on March 21st. Yesterday his mother, Mrs. E. G. Roberts, George street, received a cablegram from the British war office announcing that he had been captured and that a letter would follow. Lieut Roberts was in the Royal Field Artillery in the Fifth Army Division in France. He was educated at Belleville High School, Upper Canada College and the Royal Military College of Kingston. Last June he completed his military ccurse and was granted a commission with the Imperials.

A resident of the Township of Hope tells us that the farmers have decided to observe every Tuesday afternoon as a holiday. This will give our farmer friends an opportunity of doing their trout fishing one day ahead of the townspeople.—Port Hope Guide.

Gallant Death Of Able-seaman

Sam Hodkinson of His Majesty's Ship Jessamine —A Splendid Record

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hodkinson, of 68 Alexander St, and their daughter, Mrs. Singer, mourn the death of son and brother who died in action on His Majesty's Ship Jessamine on the 29th August, 1917. On his parchment record of services continuously since 1901, there is entered by the Admiralty, who sent the papers to Colonel W. N. Ponton, of this city, the final entry "Discharged by Death." This gallant sailor was twice wounded and full details of his casualties are attached. He had the full number of three good conduct badges, and before he died was recommended for medal and gratuity. Our readers will realize the wonderful experience that the deceased sailor had in the service of his country from boyhood to manhood in all parts of the globe when they learn that he served successively on the following ships of war:—Ganges, Roscawen, Minotaur, Pembroke, Furious, Hermes, London, Egmont, Cyclops, Vulcan and Jessamine and on three of these several times, and his certificates of good conduct and ability, all excellent, marked "superior" are signed by the Captains commanding these men-of-war of the navy. It was while engaged as escort to a prize crew and in defending a back line A. H. Hodkinson [illegible] of his comrades, another victim of the submarine. The husband of his sister, Mrs. Singer, has been overseas for some time and is one of the expert night railway operators in France with the regiment of skilled railway men. The family, who came from England about twelve years ago to Belleville, are all sad but proud. They have the sympathy of their fellow citizens and Belleville has added another name to its honor roll.

PLEASING PROGRAM

Last evening the Anti-Can't Class of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Sunday School presented the following program to a good audience.

Opening hymn "Stand up. Stand up for Jesus."
Prayer
Piano solo—Arnold Orr
Chairman's address — Joe Blackburn
Recitation—Garfield Anderson
Mouth Organ Solo—Ralph Smith
Books of the Old Testament in rhyme, Leo Barlow, Arnold Orr, Joe Blackburn, A. Gordon
Dialogue ,Joe Blackburn and F. Kelsey.
Solo on Jew's Harp, Geo. Kelsey
Recitation—Ralph Smith
Piano Solo—Alex Gordon
Dialogue—Little Citizens— Jack Sarley, Cyril Pearson, Alex. Gordon, Fred Kelsey, Morley Smith, Leo Barlow, Wilfred Murray
Hymn
Lantern Slides, illustrated by R. Smith
Hymn
Class chorus 'Dare to be a Daniel'

Arnold Orr read an address to Ralph Smith who is leaving soon to join his father in Montreal and Leo Barlow presented him with a couple of group photos of the class in a walnut frame on behalf of the class

The concert concluded with singing of the National Anthem.

CADET M'GAW SERIOUSLY HURT

Deseronto, April 30.—Cadet J. R. McGaw, 82nd Squadron, R.A.F., was seriously injured at Camp Mohawk at 5 o'clock this afternoon, apparently as a result of a spinning nose dive from a height of three hundred feet. He sustained fractures of a leg and arm and was also injured about the head. He is an American R.A.F. cadet, and resided at 36 Fourteenth avenue, Columbus, O. where his wife still lives.

Odd Fellows Held Recepiion

Fine Program at I.O.O.F. Temple and Able Address by Deputy Grand Master Cox

The variou[illegible] Odd Fellows and [illegible] associations held a recep[illegible] Fellows' Temple las[illegible] of a visit from the [illegible]ter, Rev. Walter C[illegible] Grand Master [illegible]cretary Brooks [illegible] were unfortun[illegible] attending.

[illegible] was very acceptably filled [illegible] L. B. Cooper, past grand [illegible]

[illegible] feature of the evening was an able, eloquent and intensely interesting address by Bro. Cox. His speech was abundantly illustrated and amplified by anecdotes and witty references, many of an irresistibly droll character. The deputy grand master has a rare [illegible] humor which he uses to [illegible] to give a setting [illegible] portions of his [illegible] catechism for Odd Fell[illegible] brought out many pertinent tho[illegible]ts and suggestions.

A short program of music and elocution was one of the best heard here this season. A piano duet by Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Duff was enthusiastically received. Mr. Ralls sang "The Sunshine of Your Smile" and received an insistent encore. A reading by Miss Farrel from "Anne of Green Gables" greatly pleased by its subtle humor. The h[illegible] the [illegible] Tarsey in her rendition of Dr. Drummond's "Leetle Bateese" This child has truly remarkable elocutionary ability. Mrs. Farrow sang very sweetly "The Old-Fashioned House." A vocal trio by Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Nicholson called forth rounds of applause and demands for an encore. A solo by Mrs Duff was delightfully rendered. An orchestra rendered several lively selections. Miss Kathleen Diamond and Mrs. Grant were the accompanists of the evening. Rev. A. L. Geen gave a brief address of a congratulatory nature.

After the serving of light refreshments those so inclined remained for a time longer to enjoy dancing and games.

Obituary

MRS. MARY D. FINNEGAN

Mrs. Mary Dalton Finnegan, wife of Mr. W. E. Finnegan, passed away at an early hour this morning after an illness of some duration. She was born in Belleville and was a daughter of Mrs. Edward Dalton who has resided with her. Mrs. Finnegan was an active worker in St. Michael's Church, being first vice president of the Altar Society and a member of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

AEROPLANE WAS DAMAGED

Aviator From Deseronto Met With Accident Here Sunday

Kingston—Four aviators from Mohawk Camp, Deseronto, made a trip to Kingston on Sunday afternoon, gave the citizens quite an exhibition. Unfortunately, one of the men, in making a landing near the penitentiary road, met with a mishap. His plane ran amuck in a ditch, and was put out of commission, suffering extensive damages. Luckily, the aviator was not injured. One of the big trucks came down from Deseronto and took the plane back to the camp.

Brockville, May 1.—At a meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of Leeds and Grenville Counties Council here a resolution was unanimously passed that the Dominion Cabinet and the minister of Militia be petitioned to permit category B men to remain on the farms until June 15th at least, when seeding and planting will be completed