

FRENCH TAKE GERMAN TRENCHES; BULGARS GATHER ON FRONTIER

Third of a Mile of German Trenches Taken Last Night Near Vaux—Sunday Night's Gains Were Over Half Mile in Length—Enemy's Line Penetrated to Depth of Quarter Mile—More Rebels Surrender—Dublin Quiet.

FEW MORE REBELS TAKEN—DUBLIN QUIET.

LONDON, May 2.—A Dublin despatch reports that a few more rebels were taken today in the neighborhood of Bellsbridge. The city is quiet.

INITIATIVE ON VERDUN FRONT IS IN FRENCH HANDS.

PARIS, May 2.—The French War Office announces that the French infantry made a strong attack last night, capturing a third of a mile of the German first line trenches at a vital point between Fort Douaumont and Vaux. The announcement adds that the gains made by the French troops on Sunday night on the slopes of Dead Man's Hill are larger than first thought, over a mile of trenches being taken and the enemy's line penetrated to the depth of a quarter of a mile.

The initiative in the Verdun region is now in the hands of the French.

BULGAR TROOPS MOVING TO ROUMANIAN BORDER.

ROME, May 2.—Bulgarian reinforcements are going to the Roumanian frontier, where a great number of troops are now massed. Rumors are again current of Russian movements through Roumania.

WASHINGTON-BERLIN SITUATION EASIER.

BERLIN, May 2.—It is authoritatively stated today that future German-American relations probably can be looked forward to with less apprehension.

BRITAIN WANTS 600 CANADIAN BOATMEN.

OTTAWA, May 2.—Announcement is made today that the British Admiralty wants six hundred Canadian motor boatmen for service with the auxiliary patrol of the Royal Navy.

QUEBEC ORANGEMEN CONDEMN GOVERNMENT.

MONTREAL, May 2.—The provincial grand Orange lodge of Quebec has passed a resolution condemning the City of Montreal and the Provincial government for making grants from public funds to aid the French Roman Catholics of Ontario in fighting regulation of the Ontario School Act.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED UNDER QUEBEC LAW.

MONTREAL, May 2.—The marriage of Mary Elizabeth Smith and James L. Brown both of Montreal which took place at Van Leek Hill last February, has been annulled by Judge Lane in the Superior Court under the Quebec law, because the girl being a minor, her parents had not given their consent.

TURKS REPULSED OUT OF DIARBEEKR.

LONDON, May 2.—The Turkish attempt to resume the offensive and check the Russian advance on Diarbekr was defeated when the Cossacks came up, repulsed the Turks and sent them flying towards the west. The Russians also encountered an important Turkish division on the road to Bagdad, and drove it towards the west, capturing a portion of the German artillery and numerous caissons.

Great hopes are held here that Diarbekr will soon be in Russian hands.

In the western Russian theatre of the war, the operations being still suspended by the thaw, the main features are artillery duels and the repulse of occasional German attacks. Three attempts of the enemy to capture a village southwest of the Olyka station on the Rovno-Kovel Railway were defeated. Southwest of Lake Narocz a German attempt to leave their trenches for an attack was checked by artillery fire. In one sector of the Dvinsk positions, Russian shells caused an outbreak of fire in the German trenches.

BRITISH POLITICAL SKY IS OVERCAST.

LONDON, May 2.—The next few days' session of parliament, it is expected, will be as interesting as any since the war began. The government must attempt to pass legislation for recruiting, which will probably take the form of compulsion for all, with an interval for further voluntary enlistment.

The rebellion in Ireland and the impossible task imposed upon Major-General Townshend in Mesopotamia are likely to be subjects of harsh criticism.

In ordinary times either Premier Asquith's withdrawal of the recruiting bill last week in the face of a hostile house, Augustine Birrell's management of Irish affairs, or the loss of General Townshend's division would probably create an immediate crisis, possibly resulting in a vote of want of confidence in the government. But the fact that the present cabinet includes the leaders of three parties and that no alternative which has been suggested commands any strong support, will serve to keep the government going. Mr. Birrell's resignation, however, would cause no surprise.

BIG BOMBARDMENT RAGES AT VERDUN.

LONDON, May 2.—The only news from the region of Verdun last night was that the French positions on the left bank of the Meuse underwent a spirited bombardment from the German guns, and that the sectors of Cote du Poivre and Douaumont, on the right bank of the Meuse, were the centres of artillery activity. During the night the Germans had delivered a powerful and concentrated attack on the positions which the French had captured from them north of Le Mort Homme, were repulsed with severe losses, and another attack which they had launched against Cumieres was also repulsed. In these two attacks which were checked by the French curtain of fire and machine gun fire, the enemy advanced to the assault in dense formation. His ranks melted away and vanished when they came under French fire.

30th BATT'S GRATITUDE For City Council's Grant of Four Hundred Dollars to Fund.

Lieut-Col. W. G. Ketcheson, O.C. 30th O. S. Battalion has written the following letter of appreciation to Mayor Ketcheson and Council:

"I have much pleasure in acknowledging your cheque for \$400.00 recently passed by the council in favor of the 30th Overseas Battalion C.E.F. While desiring to express my appreciation of this grant from the city, I also feel that benefits have been mutual and that merchants of Belleville have gained materially from our stay in your midst. I further desire to thank the mayor for his public testimony at the presentation of the colors, to the good behavior of the battalion during its stay in your city and heartily reciprocate on behalf of the unit under my command the generous sentiments expressed by your worship on that occasion. I feel certain that the officers and men of the 30th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., will carry away with them on their departure, many pleasant recollections of the winter months spent in the City of Belleville."

EMILY STREET DRAIN Residents Complain of Conditions Due to Blocking of Drain.

Emily street residents are annoyed spring after spring by the conditions of a drain on Emily street from Bleeker Avenue to Bettes. Damage is done by water backing up into cellars.

The ditch has caused trouble for some time, and Mr. Thos. Marshall, who was present at the city council meeting last night to support the petition. This spring conditions have been worse. The water bubbled upon between the flags and flowed over the street. The cellar conditions were not exaggerated in the petition. This spring he had three feet of water in his cellar for a week. "In my opinion the ditch is blocked. We want the work done properly or there is no use doing it at all."

Ald. Woodley said he knew the facts as stated by the petitioners. He moved that the communication be referred to the street foreman to investigate conditions and report thereon.

THANKS COUNCIL FOR DONATION TOWARDS REFRESHMENTS FOR SOLDIERS

The Khaki Club through its president, Miss M. B. Falkner, has expressed to Mayor Ketcheson their sincere thanks for the grant of \$65.00 towards giving the men of the 30th Overseas Battalion refreshments before leaving Belleville. "It is the last little thing we can do for these fine men who have behaved so well while here and who are going out into the dark to fight for us all. The certain knowledge that many of them will not pass this way again makes us want to leave nothing undone for their comfort, that is in our power. Kindly convey to the gentlemen of the council our grateful thanks and appreciation of both practical interest and aid in the work of the Khaki Club."

FRANCK ST. CROSSING.

City Engineer Evans has presented to Ald. Whelan a report on Franck street crossing as follows: "I have examined this crossing and find that the Grand Trunk right of way is fenced. I have written to the Company asking them kindly to arrange a crossing on this street as it is urgently needed."

INLAND REVENUE EXAMS.

On May 8th and 9th, eight or ten Government Employees of the Inland Revenue Department will undergo examinations in this city, using the city council chamber for that purpose, this privilege having been given them by Mayor Ketcheson.

G. B. W. A. ELETED OFFICERS.

The G. B. W. A., of Christ Church held their annual meeting in the parish hall on Monday evening. There was a general election of officers. The officers are as follows: Pres.—Miss J. Bishop. Vice Pres.—Miss L. Morton. Secretary—Miss N. Woodcock. Treasurer—Miss I. Bishop. Organist—Miss M. Bowyer. Delegate—Miss F. Scott, who will attend the annual meeting which is to be held at Kingston in June.

MRS. JORDAN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jordan took place this morning from her late residence, third concession of Sidney, to St. Michael's Church, where mass was chanted by Rev. Father Hyland. Interment was in St. James cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. F. Dolan, P. J. Wims, W. H. Day, H. Roblin, G. Roblin, and J. McMullen. Many flowers and spiritual offerings had been contributed.

ROAD SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED Residents May Be Asked To Petition For Oiled Macadam Roads.

Mayor Ketcheson last evening suggested a new scheme for road-building in Belleville. "We have," he said, "scarcely a street fit to drive over. The new oiled macadam roads like the Station road have stood the winter well and will require very little repair for five years." Would it not be wise to build such streets throughout the city, a petition from the residents agreeing to pay in five years the cost not exceeding 20c per square yard. Mill street cost 18c, Foster Avenue 16 1/2c, Albert 17 1/2c and North Front 18 4/5c. A 66 foot lot would cost the owner \$22 for the roadway.

Ald. Duckworth thought petitions would come in rather slowly. It is an imposition to expect residents of main roads to pay the cost. We borrow money for debentures for all sorts of things but never have enough money for roads.

Ald. Woodley favored the mayor's proposal. Ald. Deacon believed that it was a good plan. The city has a big task ahead of it to catch up with its roads. Oiled roads will not cost more than watering. Our taxes are no higher than anywhere else. The trouble is we cry our own town down.

Ald. Woodley moved, seconded by Ald. Smith that Ald. Deacon, Whelan, and St. Charles be a committee to purchase hose for public works.

The mayor, Ald. Smith and Ald. Deacon were appointed a committee to decide whether it is in the interest

of the city to bring into effect a day-light paving by-law.

In answer to a question by Ald. Earle, Mayor Ketcheson said the hackmen had all been served with notices to meet all trains. If complaints continue, the commissioners may cancel some licenses.

Ald. Dickworth moved that the Jane Street walk be banked on the south side. The motion carried.

A proposed waterworks main on Ponton Street entailing 200 feet of six-inch main, will cost about \$265, according to the Engineer.

There is no objection to certain residents on Foster Avenue, connecting their property with Foster Ave. sewer.

Earle Street concrete walk from Gordon to Coleman will cost \$150. It will be 250 feet long. A crossing will be needed at Gordon Street.

Howard Street residents petitioned for a granolithic walk.

The cannon at Queen Victoria Park will be placed on the concrete bases in a few days, said Street Foreman Henderson.

The city clerk was instructed to convey to Ald. Whelan the council's regrets at the death of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Jordan.

CITY'S SHARE SMALL.

Belleville's share of the new Children's Shelter will be very small. Mr. T. Ritchie pays the cost of the building, \$15,000 and it is estimated that \$5,000 or \$7,000 will be required to complete it and fix up the grounds. This latter Belleville and the County will divide evenly.

Trenton is not in the scheme, although Trenton children may be committed to the Shelter at a rate to be determined.

CARL CLARK IS AGAIN WOUNDED

Belleville Boy in Hospital With Wound in Abdomen.

Private Carl Clarke, who is about 23 years of age, is again reported wounded. On April 28th, 1915, he suffered injuries at Ypres. This morning his mother received the following message from Ottawa:

Ottawa, May 2nd, '16.

Mrs. J. Clark, 77 Mill Street, Belleville, Ont.—

Sincerely regret to inform you 8193 Pte. Clemen Carl Clarke, infantry, officially reported seriously ill. No. 20, General Hospital, Camiers, April 28th Gunshot wound abdomen. Will send further particulars when received.

Private Clarke was one of the first men to enlist in Belleville. He was a member of the 15th Regiment and an employee of the G.T.R.

NEED OF PAWNBROKER.

City Should Have One Says Mr. Jonas Bargman.

Belleville has no pawnbrokers, although it has many second hand men. Last night Mr. Jonas Bargman spoke to the city council in favor of the advisability of adopting a license for pawnbrokers. He suggested a ten dollar fee at the beginning. Some place to pledge articles would be a real advantage to people at times. As at present it is against the law for anyone here to accept anything in pledge, but this is done again and again.

MAGIC READ THE BAKING LABEL NO ALUM POWDER

AUTOIST IN TROUBLE.

An autoist named Crosby came to the city today from a near-by town at noon. His car got out of control running into and damaging a fence before Dr. MacColl's residence Victoria Avenue. Later the autoist was arrested on a charge of being drunk while driving a car.

SOLDIERS ATTEND.

Tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock the 80th Battalion will attend a special performance of "The Battle Cry of Peace" at Griffin's Opera House. The 80th Orchestra will attend.

ROLLING MILLS DRAIN.

"I have inspected the drain at the Rolling Mills," says Engineer Evans in his report "and find the culvert under the roadway across Wharf St. at the George St. intersection is blocked and very little water can get through this culvert. I have instructed the Road Foreman to repair this at once as the backwater causes great inconvenience to the Rolling Mills people. It is a short job and will be completed in a day or two."

DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Earl Craddock, one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Craddock, 51 1/2 Wharf St. died early this morning of pneumonia after one week's illness.

LADIES' AND MISSES' White Wash Skirts Outing Skirts and Sport Skirts IN A STRICTLY NEW YORK SHOWING

Summer Outing Skirts a Special at \$3.00

A very popular model for outing wear, reflecting the latest style effects direct from New York, made of a super quality dark tan Drill with belt effect at top two side pockets trimmed with buttons, extra special value at \$3.00.

New York Sport Skirts a Special at \$5.00 each

A new line just received from New York, made of a fine silk finished Repp in the latest awning stripe effects in such stunning combinations as Rose, and white stripes and Copenhagen and white stripes, large flare style and a very special skirt value at \$5.00. OTHER SPORT SKIRTS PRICED UP TO \$10.00



Our Leading Wash Skirt Value at 98c is an Exceptional Value

Seldom indeed have we the privilege of offering such splendid wash skirt values as this spring. Our Leader at 98c. is made of pure quality white Jean, open front style with large pearl buttons. Shirts made in the wide flare effect, waist size 24 to 30 and a bargain at 98c.

Another at \$1.00

This skirt is tailored of a good quality white Repp, trimmed at bottom of skirt with four large pearl buttons, opened down side and made with patch pocket. Sizes 24 to 30 waist, and a special value at \$1.00.

Special at \$1.19

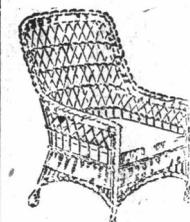
Is a wash skirt made of extra fine quality white Jean, open front with 4 large white pearl buttons. The two patch pockets are also trimmed with same sized buttons, waist sizes 24 to 30, good wide skirt and special at \$1.19. Other prices in white Wash Skirts \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 up to \$5.75.

Children's White Wash Skirts

At 98c we offer a splendid value in White Jean shoulder strap style, for ages 6 to 14 years. At \$1.19 a pleated style of White Jean, both exceptional values

RATTAN FURNITURE

Japanese Rattan Furniture is exceedingly well made, each piece being a perfect imitation of the Higher Priced wood Furniture. We are now showing a half carload of this class of furniture and each piece has a price ticket attached that makes it very easy to buy:



- CHAIRS \$7.50 to \$9.50
- ROCKERS 7.50 to \$9.50
- TABLES \$9.50 to \$10.50
- WORK STANDS \$5.00
- SETTEES \$14.50
- CHILDREN'S CHAIRS \$2.90
- TRAYS \$2.00

The Summer Number of the Home Book of Fashions now on sale at Pattern Counter

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CREX Wire Grass Rugs

CREX RUGS are too well known to require a formal introduction by us but we want you to know we are now showing a strictly new range which has just been imported from the mills. Of course you know Crex RAUGS are made of selected wire grass and are sanitary, durable and very inexpensive to buy. Crex can be had in small sizes 36 inches x 54 inches, up to the large room sizes 9 ft x 12 ft. priced from \$1.75 to \$13.50.

