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## British Have Taken 3,000 Prisoners Since Monday

### Fifty Six Officers Among Them—Further Gains by Khaki Troops and the Forces Led by General Nivelle

London, April 25.—The British have taken 3,029 prisoners since Monday morning, including fifty-six officers, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. British forces captured the hamlet of Bilhem, east of Havrincourt Wood, last night.

The statement follows: "In the Area east of Savincourt Wood during the night we captured the Hamlet of Bilhem, northeast of Trescault Village. Fighting took place early this morning along our front between the Cojeul and Searpe Rivers. Further progress has been made by us and the ground gained has been secured. The number of prisoners captured by us since Monday morning is 3,029, including fifty-six officers."

### FRENCH PRESS ON

Paris, April 25.—Ground was gained by the French last night in the Champagne, so the war office announced. A German attack in the neighborhood of Hurbette was repulsed. The Germans made several futile efforts to raid French trenches near Tahure and Maisons de Champagne, leaving many dead in the wire entanglements.

## UPROAR IN THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT

### Further Indications of the Serious Distress Due to Shortage of Food

London, April 25.—Adjournment of the Reichstag until May 2, after a brief session yesterday is reported in a Central News despatch from Amsterdam. Philipp Scheidemann, socialist leader, expressed regret that the Reichstag should be convened and then adjourned almost immediately. George Ledebour, leader of the social democrats, said that regret was not enough. He demanded that the Reichstag should meet today for discussion of the food problem.

"Thousands of workmen," he said, "have been forced to abandon work owing to their distress." Herr Ledebour's words caused an uproar. Permission to continue his speech was refused. Amsterdam, April 25, via London.—The secret strike movement in Germany was discussed at the meeting of the Reichstag auxiliary service committee at which Count Westarp, leader of the Conservatives, welcomed General Groener's declaration that further attempts to interfere with munitions work would be ruthlessly suppressed.

Count Westarp insisted that money had played the game of Germany's enemies. He demanded that the committee should deny the insinuation that strikes had been used and placed the blame for the strike on the administration of the Spandau works, the fact that the bread ration had been decreased and on the agrarian policy. One speaker declared that the agrarians, owing to the high price of cattle, fed them with bread and corn, which the munition workers could not obtain.

## ALL ON FURNACE LINER SAVED WHEN VESSEL SUNK BY THE GERMANS

Halifax, N. S., April 25.—Officers and crew of the Furness Liner Annapolis, before reported sunk by a German submarine, were saved, according to a cable received this morning.

### URGE HOME RULE

Mr. Wilfrid, Hon. Chas. Murphy and Other Speakers at Big Ottawa Meeting

Ottawa, April 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Charles Murphy, Senator W. C. Edwards and C. A. McGrath were speakers here last night at a huge rally which adopted a resolution urging that the Irish problem be immediately settled by granting to the country the institutions long promised her.

## GERMANS, EXHAUSTED, GIVE UP EFFORT TO RETAKE MONCHY; SCENE OF FIERCEST FIGHTING

British Front, in France, April 25.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—The town of Monchy-Le-Preux, which lies about five miles east of Arras, will stand out in history as one of the bloodiest spots of the world war. The fighting north and south of this little Arras village, perched upon a high knoll, has exceeded in intensity any of the individual struggles of the Somme. Efforts of the Germans to re-take the village apparently have subsided on account of the sheer exhaustion of their available forces.

## GERMAN LOSSES IN LAST TWO DAYS VERY GREAT

### Attempt Advance in Masses and Are Mowed Down by British Artillery

London, April 25.—The correspondents at British headquarters emphasize the immense losses the Germans suffered in the last two days' fight. One story says that a party of Germans, engaged at about 4,000, attempted to advance to attack from the direction of the Bois du Sant, but was "absolutely knocked to bits" by the British guns. Between Gavrelle and Roux two battalions of Rhinelanders were mowed for a counter attack when caught by the British artillery. One battalion, according to despatches, is believed to have been almost wiped out and the other completely shattered. The numbers in which the Germans advanced is said to have rendered them easy targets for the artillery.

## PRACTICALLY NO CANADIAN ARMY BY FALL UNLESS WE DO BETTER

### Surgeon General Jones, Home From Front Declares Recruiting in Dominion Must Improve

Toronto, April 25.—Surgeon-General J. T. Jones arrived home here today from the front. Unless, he said, recruiting in Canada improved there would be practically no Canadian army next fall. The annual wastage of one division of 20,000 men was estimated at 15,000. This would mean a wastage of 75,000 in Canada's five divisions. To keep up to strength one battalion a month would have to be sent overseas as reinforcements.

## GIVE THE LIE TO GERMAN AGENTS

### Russian Baltic Fleet and Army at Base Ready to Fight to the Last

London, April 25.—A Helsingfors despatch says that the council of army and navy delegates at Sveaborg has decided to send a wireless message to the allied fleets saying that the Baltic fleet and the army defending its base are in complete readiness to fight to the last in defence of free Russia. The message will add that the soldiers and sailors are in perfect union with their officers. This action was decided upon at a meeting attended by a delegation from the French navy and is intended as a reply to reports circulated by German agents that the Baltic fleet was absolutely disorganized and incapable of fighting.

## CHAMPION WELCH BEATEN

Seranton, Pa., April 25.—"Chic" Similar of Seranton outwitted Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, here last night in a ten round bout. Similar brought out the champion every minute and easily beat him in every round but the sixth. Similar weighed 134 pounds, Welsh would not weigh in.

## WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—The high area which was north of Lake Superior yesterday is moving towards the St. Lawrence Valley, while the south western low area is approaching the Great Lakes. Rain has fallen in parts of Southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but over most of the dominion the weather has been fine and cool.

## WORKING MEN GROW MORE HOSTILE TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT

London, April 25.—H. Branting, leader of the Swedish Socialist party, has telegraphed to the Daily Chronicle that the hostility of the working men in Sweden against the government is growing more intense. He says: "Among the working men the hostile feeling against the ruling reactionist party is growing stronger. This party by their trade policy has caused the lack of bread from which we are now suffering."

## Vice President Of C.P.R. Here After A Visit To Russia

### Spain Threatens Note to Germany Virtually an Ultimatum

### Plain Language Used—Repeal of German Law Against Jesuits Said to be Bid For Inaction by Spain

London, April 25.—The Spanish government's note to Germany regarding Germany's submarine campaign contains a paragraph stating that if Germany continues in its determination to sink all vessels in order to defend its life, Spain must take a like step to defend her life.

This portion of the note says: "If the Imperial German government persists in declaring that it adheres to its determination to defend its life, it must not be astonished if Spain, for the same reason, must emphasize her right to defend her own life."

The Hague, April 25.—It is learned from authoritative Dutch sources that the fall of the late ministry in Spain was preceded by the sending of a note to Germany on April 15, couched in such terms as to make it virtually an ultimatum. The sudden decision of the imperial government to repeal the Bismarckian law forbidding the establishment of Jesuit congregations instead of being, as pretended, a sop to the German Socialist was really a direct attempt to influence the powerful Jesuit political party in Spain.

## MAY MEAN GERMANS NOW WILLING TO MAKE BETTER TERMS

Amsterdam, April 25.—Under the heading "Better Peace Prospects," Vorwarts says there can be no doubt that the meeting of prominent statesmen of England, Italy and France at St. Jean de Maurice had to do with the question of peace. The paper goes on to emphasize its previous statements that a separate peace is out of the question. The article concludes by insisting that the German government must strive toward a lasting peace by abandoning all ideas of annexation and indemnities. It is common knowledge that Vorwarts is often used by the chancellor and it is quite possible that the article is an indication, if somewhat vague, that the German government is inclined to climb down a little more.

## NEW LOGS ARE REPORTED RUNNING AT GRAND FALLS

Fredericton, April 25.—It is reported that some new logs are running today at Grand Falls. The water here is now about at a standstill and there are no logs running. Three rafts of bank logs reached Springhill yesterday under contract to Fraser Limited.

## MARRIAGE OF MISS CROSS AND DOUGLES G. KITCHEN

A wedding of much social interest was solemnized in German street Baptist church this afternoon, when Miss Lois M. Cross, daughter of William C. Cross of this city, was united in marriage to Douglas G. Kitchen, son of H. G. Kitchen of Fredericton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. S. Poole.

## SOME CITIZENS LEAVE PETROGRAD; FEAR AN ATTACK BY GERMANS

London, April 25.—An exodus of civilians from Petrograd is reported in a despatch to the Express from the Russian capital. One permit office was besieged on Tuesday morning by 800 people. Inquiries among them were answered by a shrug of the shoulders and the favorite Russian reply: "Who knows?" The Express correspondent says that the reluctance of the travelers to explain their motives is due to second thoughts of giving an official reason to the officials before securing a permit and suspicion that their questioner was connected with the government. He says that in order to secure a seat on a train for Moscow it is now necessary to book some days ahead.

## Mr. Bury Sees Great Possibilities For Trade

### WAS THROUGH REVOLUTION Spent Three Months, at Request of British and Russian Governments, Looking Into Transportation Problems—Praise of Canadians Heard Everywhere In England

After an absence of a little more than three months, George Bury has just returned from Russia which country he visited at the request of the British and Russian governments in connection with transportation.

Mr. Bury, who is vice-president of the C.P.R., arrived in port this morning on a large ocean liner. He was met at a west side terminal by his wife and several C. P. R. officials from St. John and Montreal. After disembarking the party viewed the west side terminals. Two private cars, the St. Andrews and Loch Lomond, left the city with Mr. Bury and the Montreal men, about 12 o'clock attached to a mail train. Mr. Bury is looking in the best of health, although slightly thinner than when he left Canada.

Mr. Bury was accompanied throughout his trip by W. H. Winterrowd, assistant chief mechanical engineer of the Canadian Pacific. He and Mr. Winterrowd traveled from London to the north of Scotland from where they were carried to Norway by a British destroyer. They proceeded through Norway, Sweden and Finland to Russia.

## GERMANS TO CHANGE SUBMARINE WARFARE?

Said Concessions Already Made to Spain And Will be to Other Neutrals

## THE CASUALTY LIST

Fredericton, N. B., April 25.—Mrs. Edward Kearman of St. Mary's has notified that her husband, Corporal Kearman, is in hospital in England, suffering from contusions of the back. He went overseas with an infantry battalion.

## MAY BE TROUBLE IN RUSSIAN FURAL DISTRICTS

London, April 25.—Despatches from Petrograd report that the revolutionary spirit is manifesting itself in the rural districts of Russia, bringing the long-standing agrarian troubles to a head. Notwithstanding the organization of food committees, which are doing their best to make the peasants understand that the land question cannot be wisely settled until the constituent assembly is elected, the peasants are inclined to take the matter into their own hands.

