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## BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

# HOT BATTLE RAGES NEAR BULLEGOURT

Desperate Resistance of Teutons Overcome by Troops of Nivelle

|| Agitation Continues in Germany For Removal of Von Hollweg

Advance of British Forces on **Drocourt Front is Continued** 

## Haig's Human Nippers Close on Drocourt-Queant Line

Hardy Australian Troops U.S. SHIPS
Surrounded Bullecourt, U.S. SHIPS and its Fall is Imminent; Steady Retreat of Teuton Troops Goes Steadily on

he great human nippers, which General Haig , has forged it the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line, are div closing and the rolling up of the important section of the man defenses appears to be a matter of a few days. The Dro-Queant line is the hastily improvised barrier thrown up by d Marshal von Hindenburg to protect Cambrai and Douai, after more famous line, named in honor of himself, had been smashed

The bitter resistance offered by the Germans to the British adhas centred in their defense of Bullecourt, two and a half miles of Queant. To the south the British have forged well byond but have been forced to mark time until Bullecourt falls. capture of the village was entrusted to the Australians and hard fighting colonials have almost surrounded the German ghold so that its surrender or extinction is expected momentar-

The Drocourt-Queant line forms a broad salient in the British , eighteen miles at its top and paralleling the Douai-Cambrai Drocourt is seven miles from Douai and Queant about ten irom Cambrai.. The crushing in of this salient will mean that ferman grip on the great Lens coal region will be broken and ntire German line in Northern France imperilled.

There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to in the alternate sledgehammer blows of the British and the ch, beneath which their choicest troops are being steadily n from position after position. News from the western front t merely being suppressed, but is being doctored for the contion of German newspaper readers. Discrepancies between the ian and allied official versions are apparently arousing susis in some German minds at least, and the Berlin newspapers being bombarded with questions that their military critics seem are proceeding on the assurance of ind some difficulty in answering. There is significance also in the board that the ships will be fact that the German Emperor, in the latest of his congratulatory taken over when completed. egrams, speaks of a "serious and decisive time" instead of exultvictories, real or imaginary.

Apart from France the only fighting of significance reported the war theatres is taking place in Macedonia. The reports the application by Congress of suffiom this front are meagre, but they indicate an increasing activity cient, money to cover the program. hich may presage a general offensive by the allies.

### KAISER HAD AN ENGLISH **CLOSE SHAVE** MISSOURIAN

"If the War Office Tells You I'm Killed, Don't Believe It"

HUSBAND WROTE

He is Now Reported Dead, But Wife is not Convinced

By Courier Leased Wire. w York, May 8.-The New Sun this morning publishes the owing cable despatch from Lon-

n dated vesterday. The most anxious woman in Engnd is the one who on Friday reed from her husband in the Brit-

army in France a telegram saythe war office informs you I'm

d, don't believe it." next morning came a war ofmessage announcing that her band was killed. Nothing has learned about him since. Offiare unable to explain how the and knew he would be reported yet was unable to prevent lough he was able to deny it in ance. The woman is positive her hand is alive.

Weather Bulletin



-The weather has been fine in nearly all parts of the Dominion. The temperature has fairly continued high in the wes tern province and has risen con siderably in On-tario and Quebec Moderate winds mostly north and

nesday, with a lit-

Three Shots Fired at German Emperor in Streets of Berlin

His Bullets Went Wide and make a brief address, in which it Missed Their Mark

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, May 8.-A news agency despatch from Rome published here this forenoon,

Kaiser Wilhelm had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet, while motoring in Berlin, a Zurich despatch to The Corriere du Italia asserted to-day. An unidentified man fired three shots at the Kaiser's car, two of them striking the tonneau, the third going wild. He was arrested. The despatch said the police were silent on the incid-

## THE CLIMAX

Hun Agents Placed Steel Forks in Hay Consigned to Feed English Cattle

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 8-(New York Sun cable)—Consignments of hay received in England from neutral countries contain small, steel two pronged forks, which are very sharp. The cattle swallow them readily and then develop intestinal troubles of

which they die. It is believed German agen are systematically trying to kid British live stock. An investigation is under way.

Wooden Ships Planned by America Under Course of Construction

CONTRACTS ARE MANY

And Shipping Board Wil Now Turn to Steel Vessels

BALFOUR RECEIVED By Senate on Question of

**Troops This Afternoon** By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, May 8 .- The Admin stration's wooden shipbuilding pr gram, it was announced to-day, definitely under way, and the ship months to be turning out great num undersea blockade. Some builder vithout awaiting formal contracts

"Contracts for dozens of the ships," Chairman Denman said toay, "will be signed immediately on replied. Now that the plans are under way, and satisfactory progress is being made, the shipping board and General Goethals, in charge of construction, is turning to the stimulation of steel shipbuilding.

"Undoubtedly the stories of our abandoning the wooden shipbuilding program arose from the fact that here is nothing more to say wooden building, and we are talking of steel. The wooden program will James Balfour, British foreign min-

ASSASSIN UNKNOWN ster, was to be received officially by the Senate shortly after noon day. Mr Balfour was expected was believed he might refer to the sending of engineers from the United States to France. Reports are that he would be accompanied by Major Spencer-Clay and Ian Malcolm, members of the British par-

> Meanwhile detailed conferences of he eight joint sub-committees coninued with the hope that some comittee might be able to report for inal decision by major body short y. It is not probable, however, that ll will complete their work this reek. The British mission, it was earned to-day, expressed to the state department the feeling that they ught to return to England after the reception in New York. The departnent, however, earnestly requested York for at least another week's conference, and they have consent-

Friday, returning Sunday. Chicago, May 8,-Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England, and member of the British mission to the United States, was the guest of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Clearing House at a luncheon to-day. He will return east to-night topping at Detroit en route.

GERMAN CLAIMS v Courier Leased Wir

Berlin, May 8, via London.-Gernan troops have recaptured Fres- By Courier Leased Wire. noy, says the official statement is-

### News of Allied DISTRICT Victories Does Not Reach GermanPeopleWho are Deluded by **False Reports**

London, May 8-The German version of the French official war report of last Saturday suppresses entirely the reference to the capture of a portion of the Hindenburg line southeast of Vauxaillon. Other evidence of the doctoring of allied official reports to make them agree with claims in the German official statements indicates the anxiety of the German authorities as to the effect of the news from the western front upon public opinion. A supplementary report supplied to the Monday morning papers through the German official news bureau scores all French successes except the capture of Winterburg Hill and is written in such a strain as to evoke headlines

"French defeated on Aisne in gigantic onslaught."-

This report asserts that almost all French initial successes were lost through German counter-attacks and that the capture the Chemin-des-Dames ridge and break through the OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, May 8 .- 12.20 p.m. 'The enemy's artillery was active at intervals throughout the night at a

by a small party of the enemy. After at the expense of the municipalities which shall be popular in words and music. were driven out, leaving a few dead crease in population has had no cor in our trenches. A few of our men are missing. Another enemy raid responding growth in representations south of Armentieres was repulsed."

Paris, May 8.—German counter- district outweighs twenty or even attacks near Vauxaillon and along thirty in one of the big industrial the Chemin-des-Dames last night were repulsed by the French, the war office announces. Violent artile carried out as originally planned.' lery engagements occurred on the Washington, May 8.— Arthur Vauclerc plateau and in the region

## VACTICAN IS

Pope to Protest Against **Hun Outrages**; Relations With France May Be Restored

By Courier Leased Wire.

Rome, May 8.—(New York Sun Cable)—It is reported that diplomatic relations between the Vatican and France may be re-established. The Pope is expected to issue an encyclical letter, protesting against the crimes Germany committed in the mission to return here from New the evacuated territory of France. Cardinals Amette and Lucon have conterence, and they have consented. They will leave for New York taining detailed information based upon personal evidence and authentic photographs of the havoc wrought in the districts from which the Germans have retreated. The re-

The authentic list reveals that the great majority of the hostages were young girls. The information was furnished by the French govern

SUPPLYING SUBS.

Washington, May 8.-The governsued to-day by the German army headquarters staff.

Washington, May 8.—The government is investigating the activities of the steamer Manitowoc and other the steamer Manitowoc and other which says further:

"West of the Vardar, some units" and was captured by the Canadians carried supplies to German submaron May 3. Since the taking of the town by the British forces, the Germans have made desperate afterming but no details. Of the closed at the navy department today but no details. Of the closed at the navy department today but no details. Of the closed at the navy department today but no details. mans have made desperate attempts but no details of the steps taken to recapture it.

| Make an attack in the division of the steps taken to details of the steps taken were repulsed by our barrage fire." | take the necessary steps to expropriate the land necessary to establish

Reichstag Committee Considers Question of Redistricting German Em-

And May Strike at Important Root of Kaiser's Power

Small Tradesmen in Germany Are in a Bad Way

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, via London, May 8-The Centrists, National-Liberals and Radical Socialists, who carried the previous reforms over the opposition conditions in Germany. eral redistricting of the empire.

number of places along our front, particularly in "the sector between ed as the basis for a reichstag dis-"We made unsuccessful raids dur- Radicals are a blow at Conservativ ing the night in the neighborhood of influence as the present districting, Neuve Chapelle and Fauquissart. dating from the foundation of the hand-to-hand fighting the enemy and industrial regions. The great inso that one vote in some backward

centers.

The committee seems to be going forward with its reform plan consistently and earnestly, the majority standing together with a firmnes which must be the despair of the Conservative obstructionists and per haps not entirely agreeable to the government. The committees propos pointments in the army and navy, and even the higher civil list are in the township will enter into a connaval and civil cabinets. The cele-brated "blue letters" asking for the

lors who had displeased the monarch. Trade Troubles Copenhagen, via London, May 8—
Labor and fuel difficulties and the necessity of devoting an possible manhood resources to military requirements now spell ruin to the The towns ation of the smaller businesses. This for the purpose of procuring elecsons who were carried away, with their age and sex. Berlin bakers and compulsory in throughout the township. Hamburg, where the small men retablishments.

BULGARS' REPORT.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 7 .- via London, May 8.—Artillery fighting all the by-law. along the Macedonian front is re-

## Germany Seething With Intérnal Strife as Ultimate **Defeat Becomes More Ob**vious; Chancellor Von Hollweg the Scape-Coat

Copenhagen, May 8.—via London—The Conservatives and pan-Germans have now brought up their heavy artillery in the battle against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and boldly lay the blame for the long duration of the war at his door. The Conservative Deutsche Tages-Zeitung explains that three or four days delay in German mobilization at the outset of the war, due to the chancellor's hesitant policy, caused the loss of the Battle of the Marne, HAS PLAN OF REFORM The paper holds that the troops that were detached to stem the Russian invasion of East Prussia would have been sufficient to change the defeat of General von Kluck's army into a victory and that in that case the war would have ended in a speedy and decisive German triumph. The Tages Zeitung goes on to declare that the Chancellor threw away a second chance of terminating the war by ECONOMIC TROUBLES opposing ruthless submarine warfare. It cites Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetendorf, Austrian commander-in-chief, as saying re-

"The war would have been over long ago if the submarine campaign had begun a year earlier."

The pan-Germans and annexationists are also comparing the Chancellor to Bismarck and demanding his retirement because he The reichstag committee on con- does not measure up to Germany's "iron man." The agitation for stitutional reform will take up (nis the downfall of von Bethmann-Hollweg is being waged in press and week the question of redistricting parliament and reinforced by mass meetings organized by Imperialbitterness increases as the chances grow for a reform of political

The Chancellor's opponents couple their attacks with far from to a Berlin despatch, vote for a gen- flattering remarks about the Austro-Hungarian Government for its

declarations in favor of moderate peace terms.

WANT NEW HYMN. Berlin, May 7.-via London-Germany wants a new national statement of to-day. "Our artillery trict. The proposals long among the hymn. The present anthem "Hail to the Victor" is objected to on chief demands of the Liberals and the ground that its music is not striking enough and that its similarty to the English national anthem has been a co barrassment to German sailors, merchants and officials abroad.

A committee of men, well known in the world of religion, arts our positions northwest of Armen-tieres were raided yesterday evening empire, favors the country sections and letters, has issued a call for manuscripts of a national anthem

Into Contract With Commission

Several important matters were als in regard to offers strike at the dealt with at yesterday afternoons root of an important source of the meeting of the township council. emperor's power. At present all ap-Preparations were made by which Fred Rollins. the military cabinet. The former the date on which a special meet- of May. chief of the civil cabinet, Dr. Fred- ing of the council will be held, iu erick K. H. Lucanus, now dead, was the evening to discuss the advisbecause he bore the emperor's sen- ability of changing the boundaries tences of political death to Chancel- of school sections 14, 22 and 23, to which meeting the ratepayers interested, will be requested to attend to hear and determine appeals against express their views. The balance of the assessment for the current year.

The township solicitor was in maller German tradesmen, such as structed to prepare and submit to the bakers. The concentration, of the next meeting of the council a by supplies in the hands of the bigger law providing for the township enand more economical establishments tering into a contract with the Hy-has rendered necessary the consolid-dro Electric Commission of Ontario

The clerk was instructed to notifused to follow suggestions to make fy all persons who will be affected an agreement with the bigger es- by the proposed by-law altering the boundaries of school sections numbers 14, 22 and 23, that a meeting would be held in the council chambers on May 17th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the advisability of passing

The Reeve was authorized to is sue an order for \$750 in favor of Harvey Gresswald for damage in-"West of the Vardar, some units curred by his property as a conse-

a road from the Wm. Morrison farm to the public highway along the eastern boundary of the lands

belonging to the Indian department. The land required for the purpose will be taken from the Indian prop-Preparations for Entering erty and the cost of the proceedings and of the construction and maintenance of the road to be borne by

Mr. Morrison. Mr. Bibby was appointed pathmaster to replace Mr. Herbert J. Elliott and Mr. Fred Guest was selected to act in the place of Mr.

Acting on the advice of the townthe hands of the entirely irrespon- tract with the Hydro Electric Power ship engineer, the councillors desible heads of the emperor's military Commission of Ontario, for a supply cided to close the road leading from Brant school to Onondaga owing to brated "blue letters" asking for the retirement of officers, emanated from lighting. May 17 was set aside as old bridge will be sold on the 16th

A grant of \$25 to the Salvation Army in response to their request was passed. The next meeting of the council

will be held on June 4th at 10" o'clock, when the councillors will Other regular business will as usual also be transacted.

### TROOPS LANDED.

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, May 8 .- It is officially announced, through the chief press censors' office, that the following troops have arrived safely in England:

Battalions: 141st Rainy Riv-er; 153rd Guelph; 174th Winnipeg Highlanders; 176th St. Catharines; 215th Brantford; 220th Toronto; 241st Windsor; 253rd Queens University, Highlanders.

Drafts: R. C. D. Strathcona Horse, Fort Garry Horse, and Mounted Riffes

Mounted Rifles. Field artillery from London, Guelph, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Woodhtock. Heavy and siege artillery, nachine gunners, signallers, machine

medical corps, Newfoundland-

ers, details.