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Canadians Recapture Most of Lost Ground Chinese Cabinet Favors War Declaration

TERRIFIC FIGHTING AROUND FRESNOY; CANADIANS GRADUALLY FORCE OUT HUNS

British Lines Advanced Northeast of Hargicourt--French Capture Three-Quarters of a Mile of German Trenches--Germans Suffer Heavy Losses--General Offensive Probable on Macedonian Front--Germany to Call For New War Loan--Chinese Cabinet a Unit for War Against Germany.

CANADIANS RECAPTURE LOST GROUND

LONDON, May 9.—A despatch from British headquarters says that most of the ground lost by the Canadians in the victory of Fresnoy has been regained by them and their position to the west improved. The Germans are barely holding Fresnoy village itself at which the Canadians are repeatedly attacking in an endeavor to force the enemy out. The British lines were advanced last night north east of Hargicourt. Fierce fighting continues around Hargicourt.

FRENCH CAPTURE THREE-FOURTHS OF MILE OF TRENCHES

PARIS, May 9.—The French war office reports that French troops last night captured the first line of German trenches over a front of three-quarters of a mile north east of Chevreux near Craonne. The Germans continue fruitless counter attacks against the French positions along the Chemin des Dames suffering serious losses.

GENERAL OFFENSIVE ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

LONDON, May 9.—Despatches from the Macedonian front report fighting heavy along the entire front. The indications are that the allies are preparing for a general offensive.

"ALL HIGHEST" AGAIN PROVES HIS STRENGTH

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—Field Marshall Von Hindenburg responding to an address from the Saxon second chamber said "The soldier spirit which is always cultivated by the All-Highest war lord has again proved its strength. If the home army also holds on then we are certain of victory."

GERMANY WANTS MORE MONEY

COPENHAGEN, May 9.—The Berlin Tageblatt says a bill will be introduced in the Reichstag within a few weeks for a new war loan.

FRANCE PROHIBITS USE OF GRAIN FOR ANYTHING BUT BREADMAKING

PARIS, May 9.—A decree in the Official Journal prohibits the use of maize, rye, barley, or buckwheat flour for any other purpose than bread-making.

GREAT BRITAIN MUST ABOLISH MEATLESS DAYS

Baron Devonport Finds It Causes Too Large Drain on Breadstuffs—With Reasonable Precautions Supplies Will Last Till Next Harvest.

LONDON, May 8.—Great Britain's "meatless day" is to be abolished because it augments the demand on breadstuffs and other substitutes, which are less plentiful than meat. This was announced today by Baron Devonport, the food controller, in the house of parliament.

He declared that a diminution in the consumption of breadstuffs was of vital moment and a main factor in the situation, but he added:

"Provided that the call for reduction is responded to, and the efforts of the submarines are not successful beyond reasonable likelihood, we shall get through with a fairly satisfactory balance in hand to the time when the new harvest becomes available."

CONSCRIPTION ISSUE TO BE RAISED BY HUGHES

OTTAWA, May 8.—General Sir Sam Hughes intends to test the attitude of the government towards conscription, and has given notice that on the first fitting opportunity of going into committee of supply he will move in the commons the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this house the best interests of Canada, of the empire and of humanity will be served by the application of the Militia Act or by other action to raise troops for compulsory overseas service."

TAKE UP G. T. P. TRACKS TO GIVE RAIL SUPPLY

OTTAWA, May 8.—Another request for rails for military purposes in France has been received by the Canadian government from the British authorities. Three hundred miles of rails are wanted, which is about the same amount as was sent some time ago. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, has decided to take up the trackage of the Grand Trunk Pacific west of Edmonton, where that railway parallels the Canadian Northern. The rails will be shipped as soon as possible.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES LIST NOW NEAR 16,000

OTTAWA, May 8.—Up to noon today there have been 15,547 Canadian casualties announced since the opening of the battle of Vimy Ridge. Today's list of 176 names includes 124 killed in action, five died and six missing. Most of the casualties are in Winnipeg and western battalions.

HEAVY TAXES TO RAISE WAR'S SINEWS IN U.S.

Flat Increase of Ten Per Cent. on All Tariffs, Retroactive Income Levy and Higher Mail Rates Among Measures Proposed.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A war revenue bill designed to raise \$1,800,000,000 by taxation during the coming year was approved finally in the house ways and means committee late today by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Kitchen announced that the measure would be reported to the house tomorrow to be brought for consideration Thursday. He thinks it will be passed by the house without political division within a few days.

To bring the amount to be raised up to the desired amount, the house committee recommend a flat increase of ten per cent. on all existing tariffs and ten per cent. duty on all manufactured articles now admitted free, all estimated to bring in \$240,000,000, thus more than doubling the present tariff revenue. In addition it was decided to make all income tax increases retroactive, beginning with the present calendar year. Other taxes provided for would become effective upon the signing of the bill.

The income tax increase, applying to both personal and corporation incomes, is designed to produce \$532,000,000 more than the present income tax receipts.

Most of the new revenue will come from the income, excess profits and inheritance taxes and additional tariff duties, but the levies of the bill will reach into many other sources. Letter mail rates would be increased from two to three cents an ounce and postal cards from one to two cents, while \$19,000,000 would be added to charges against newspapers under a new system based upon the present parcel post zones. Internal revenue taxes upon liquor and tobacco would be materially increased and there would be taxes on amusements and stamp taxes of wide scope.

RESTRAINTS ON PRODUCTION OF LIQUOR LIKELY

Demand for Conservation of Grain Impresses Dominion Government

DEVLIN RAISES ISSUE

W. F. Maclean Supports Motion, But Points Out Special Requirements

Ottawa, May 8.—The house of commons this afternoon discussed the waste of grain involved in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Canada. The debate arose upon the motion of E. B. Devlin, Liberal member for Wright, to adjourn the house for the purpose of discussing these matters of urgent public importance.

Mr. Devlin accompanied his motion with the statement that, in view of the high cost of living and the necessity for conserving food for our own use and the use of our allies, the government should take immediate steps to discontinue the supply of grain to distilleries and brewers. He said that three million bushels of grain were consumed last year by the distillers and brewers, in addition to considerable quantities of sugar and molasses, and Mr. Robb Liberal member for Huntingdon, figured out that 125,000 acres of land were devoted to production of raw matter for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

Proposal Meets Support

Mr. Devlin's proposal met with general favor, and speeches in its support were delivered by Hon. Geo. P. Graham and by Messrs Hughes (Kings, P. E. I.), Stevens (Vancouver), Proulx (Prescott), Burnham (West Peterboro), Guthrie (South Wellington) and W. F. Maclean (South York).

FUNERAL OF THE LATE JOHN V. KETCHESON

The funeral of the late John Vandewater Ketcheson was held this forenoon from the family residence in the eighth concession of Thurlow. There was a very large attendance of friends who had known and respected Mr. Ketcheson in life. After prayer at the house the remains were taken to Bethel Church, Phillipston, where Rev. A. C. Huffman, pastor of Plainfield circuit, preached a most appropriate and impressive sermon. The church was crowded to capacity by those in attendance. There were very many beautiful floral tributes surrounding the casket. Interment took place at Zion Cemetery. The bearers were the five sons of the deceased, Willett, Seldon, Manchester, John, and Bill, and Mr. Geo. Anderson, son-in-law.

It is a remarkable fact that though Mr. and Mrs. Ketcheson were wedded sixty years ago and reared a family of eight children, Mr. Ketcheson's death is the first break in the family.

Among those in attendance from this city were Mayor and Mrs. Ketcheson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ketcheson; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson and family; Mr. John Elliott; Miss Nora Elliott and Mr. Douglas Elliott; Mr. J. O. Herity; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Denyes and Mr. W. A. Chapman.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

A few of the friends of the Rev. Tobias and Mrs. Meyers, met at their cozy little home, Grove St. on Tuesday the 8th to welcome them back after being absent from the city for some months.

A very pleasant time was spent after which refreshments were served by the ladies. Hymns were sung and prayer offered by Rev. J. Egan. When all left wishing them a bright and happy sunset of life.

RUSSIANS ARE FIGHTING NOW NEAR POTCHNI

Their Artillery Disperses an Attempt to Approach Their Trenches—Turks are Repulsed—German Airplane Also is Brought Down on Caucasian Front.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 7.—"In the region of the Village of Potchni, on the Beresina River (western front) our artillery dispersed an enemy attempt to approach our trenches," says the official Russian statement tonight. "In the direction of Vladimir-Volynski, south of Zubilno, after an intense fire with grenades and bombs, an enemy company left their trenches and began to attack our trenches with hand grenades. Our artillery drove them back to their own trenches."

"On the Kabarovce-Zboroff front the enemy carried out an intense bombardment."

"On the Russian front enemy attacks on our positions south and southwest of Cona were repulsed by our batteries. On the remainder of this front there were scouting affairs."

"Caucasian front—Our fire repulsed a small Turkish attack northeast of Kighi and another attack in the region of Achi Sourin, northwest of Ognott. Our artillery brought down a German aeroplane in the neighborhood of Gouragoumou. Two officers were made prisoners. A squadron of German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Seletina, Moldava and Kimpolung."

FRENCH MISSION IN TRAIN WRECK

Joffre and Others Given Shaking-up, But are Otherwise Unhurt—Result of Accident—Tender and Two Coaches Leave the Track Near Arcola, Illinois.

ARCOLA, Illinois, May 7.—Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up, but otherwise uninjured, when the special train aboard which they were returning east from their middle western tour was derailed one and a half miles from here at 7.35 o'clock tonight. William Nye, in charge of the United States secret service detail, attached to the party, made a thorough investigation and announced as his opinion that it was entirely accidental.

Rene Viviani, French minister of justice, and head of the mission, Marshal Joffre and other attaches of the party were dining at the time of the accident. Only the forward truck of the diner, however, left the rails, and the jar was comparatively slight.

UNITED STATES TO AID ALLIES WITH BIG SHIPS

Important Negotiations Proceed in London—Washington Maintains Great Secrecy Over Conference—Plans Develop to Overcome Submarines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Naval co-operation between the United States and the allies against Germany is being negotiated largely in London, it was learned today, instead of here at Washington, as in the case with military and other subjects. Rear-Admiral Sims, who was on his way to England when war was declared, and who has just attended the allied naval conference in Paris, is charged to speak for the American Government on the major questions of policy.

Apart from the original announcement that the United States will patrol American waters and thus relieve the allied vessels on duty here for two and a half years, no statement of naval policy is expected.

BEER ISSUE BEFORE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, May 9.—The question of beer versus food was lengthily discussed in the house of commons today. Many of the speakers severely criticized the government for still permitting the brewers to destroy valuable food in the production of alcoholic liquors. The debate elicited no statement on the government policy with respect to the rumored control by the state of all public houses.