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Famine Joining Entente As Ally Against The Hun

Time at Hand, Says London Paper Correspondent Near Swiss Border; Masses of People May Rise Against Prussianism; British Improve Position Near Merville

London, May 21—"I feel confident that the time is at hand when famine—stark, medieval famine—will join the Entente as a political and military ally against Germany and Austria," the correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs from Annemasse, in France, near the Swiss border.

The correspondent says he draws this conclusion from oral statements by an authentic witness whose observations extended up to the end of April. The great masses of the German and Austrian peoples, this informant declares, are more than sick of the war. They think and talk of nothing but bread, and their morale is so low that the governments are fearful of Bolshevik movements.

CRITICAL, SAYS WASHINGTON

Washington, May 21—The food situation in Germany, officials here believe, is the most critical it has been at any time. Information reaching Washington from many sources indicates that even with the reduced ration planned for June 15, the country will not have enough food to carry the population through to the next harvest and that further reduction will have to be made.

REPORT TO THE COMMONS ON PENSION MATTER

Special Committee Submits Series of Recommendations

THE CASE OF COLONEL LABATT

Award of Pension to Member of Board Found Quite Proper—Some Changes in Regulations—Suggestion for Next Session of House

Ottawa, May 21—After one o'clock this morning Hon. N. W. Rowell, chairman of a special committee of the House of Commons, appointed to report on the pension board, pensions regulations, etc., tabled the findings of the committee. The report contains a large number of recommendations, designed to improve the existing plan of pensions, as well as a special report dealing with the pension granted to Colonel R. H. Labatt, a member of the board, which has been the subject of much discussion.

The committee finds that Colonel Labatt is suffering from valvular disease of the heart, and that he was not suffering from this disability at the date of enlistment. It also finds that he was not granted a pension by misrepresentation, or by any influence, direct or indirect, on any member of the government.

Some of the chief recommendations of the committee are:—

1.—That pensions should be awarded for disability in accordance with the rank, or acting rank, of the member of the C. E. F. at the time the disability was incurred; that no variation in rank after such disability is incurred should affect any pension.

2. That pensions should be discontinued upon the re-enlistment of a pensioner as a member in the expeditionary or naval forces, and that his case, upon re-discharge, should be considered a-new, as if his services had been continuous from his first enlistment.

3. That whenever a pensioner is required to be medically re-examined he shall be entitled to be paid a reasonable amount for traveling expenses and subsistence or loss of wages.

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HOW CAPTAIN GERALD ANGLIN WON BAR TO MILITARY CROSS

"Canada" Gives Account of Gallant Act Which Brought New Honor to St. John Officer

"Canada" of May 4, received today, says the awards announced in the London Gazette dated Jan. 18, are now supplemented by the following statements of service (in the Gazete of April 26) for which the decorations were conferred:

Among others is the following:—

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS

Capt. Gerald Gardiner Anglin, M. C., (Fairville, N. B.)—This officer led his company through to its objective, which he consolidated under the most trying conditions, due to his men having to change direction under the heaviest shell fire. He directed and controlled his company, displaying the greatest coolness and courage, until seriously wounded. The success of the operation on the battalion front was largely due to the good leadership displayed by this officer.

British Make Gain.

London, May 21—Northwest of Merville, in the Flanders salient, the British improved their positions last night and took thirty prisoners and six machine guns.

A counter-attack on the new positions, launched this morning after a period of heavy shelling, was crushed by the British artillery and machine guns. The British made a successful raid last night south of Arras and brought back a few prisoners and a machine gun from the enemy's trenches.

During the night the hostile artillery was active in the Albert sector, about Hebuterne between the Forest of Nieppe and Meteren, and more active than usual between the Scarp and Hill 70, north of Lens. The gas shelling reported to have taken place yesterday north of Bethune was heavy.

French Report.

Paris, May 20—The official statement from the war office tonight reads:

"There was no infantry activity. The artillery bombardment was violent at times south of the Avre and at several points in the region of Mont Didier and Lassigny.

"Army of the East, May 19—There was reciprocal artillery firing in the region of Doiran. There was intermittent artillery and rifle firing on the Serbian front, where enemy patrols were repulsed before they were able to reach the wire entanglements. In the Cerna bend and the region of Monastir the artillery and trench mortars were active. Near Monastir enemy patrols were driven back. In the Pogradec sector the enemy artillery fire increased.

"The British aviators successfully bombarded enemy establishments in the region of Demirhissar."

THIRTY-THREE MORE OF ENEMY AIRSHIPS ARE DOWNED BY BRITISH

Saturday Another Bad Day for Enemy — Twelve of Our Airplanes Missing — At Least Five Gothas Lost in London Raid

London, May 21—During aerial fighting on Saturday twenty-seven German airships were destroyed, three were driven down out of control and three German balloons were burned. Twelve British machines are missing.

The London Raid.

London, May 21—Of the twenty to thirty Gotha machines which took place in the raid on London on Sunday night, five are reported officially to have been brought down. Official confirmation of a report that two others fell into the North Sea is lacking.

One of the raiders was engaged by a British airman who fired at close range until the machine disappeared in a cloud. Soon afterward the machine burst into flames at a height of 7,000 feet and fell a blazing wreck. Another machine was brought down by anti-aircraft guns in London. Two others were brought down while attempting to escape, one being destroyed by British airmen. The fifth was set afire and fell into the sea.

A few dozen bombs were dropped promiscuously on certain parts of the London district, doing in a few cases no inconsiderable damage to small dwelling houses. Two fires were caused in large buildings but they were soon well under control. Some small dwelling houses were wrecked by the bombs and much glass was broken.

THE E. S. S. CO. LEASE

The common council met at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon to discuss with A. C. Currie, agent of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, the terms of a renewal lease of the Reed's Point wharf. The company has asked the city to make certain improvements to the wharf and erect a new warehouse for their use, but the company and the council have not reached an agreement on the terms of the lease. The council wants an increase on the former rental and a higher return on the improvements than the company has offered. There is also considerable routine business to be transacted by the council.

NEW GLORY WON BY AUSTRALIANS

Capture of Ville-Sur-Ancre a Brilliant Feat

THROUGH HAIL OF BULLETS

Waist Deep in Marsh as They Move to Attack—Fierce Fighting in Village Streets but Enemy Driven Out

With the British Army in France, May 20—(By the Associated Press)—Brilliant work was done on Sunday by the Australians on the southern front, whereby they captured Ville-Sur-Ancre, and advanced on a front of approximately 3,000 yards. The overseas men were holding their new positions strongly on Monday and more than 400 prisoners were sent back to the cages.

Again the Australians have evidenced in the face of great obstacles that indomitable spirit which has won for them in such hard struggles in the past.

These same men, who made such a glorious record in the battle at the Brodscinde cross roads last summer, behind the same officers who carried through the colors at Brodseinde, stormed their way into Ville-Sur-Ancre on Sunday mornig across marshes into whose foul waters they sank waist deep at times. With machine guns and from an elevation the enemy pumped a steady stream of bullets across the mist shrouded marsh lands in an attempt to stem the onrushing Australians. It was desperate work, but there was no hesitation on the part of the assaulting troops. The Australians rushed the defence in the face of a heavy fire and bombed the Germans out at close quarters, standing on the bank of a road and hurling scores of explosives down among the struggling masses of grey coats.

The fighting in the village of Ville-Sur-Ancre was intense. The Australians battered their way forward by sheer force, engaging the enemy at close range with rifles and bayonets. There was no stopping them and the Australians kept on until they had stormed their way to the farther side. The streets were strewn with enemy dead when the victory had been completed and a stream of prisoners was flowing back to the rear.

Two incidents during the fighting show striking contrasts that need no explanation.

A Contrast

One German surrendered to an Australian corporal, then when the corporal lowered his rifle the German shot him dead. This German met the quick and painless fate which is meted out to his ilk on the battle fields.

Another German who had made a particularly gallant fight with his machine gun, also surrendered. He had fought as the Australians like to see a man fight. When it was seen that he wore on his breast the Iron Cross strict orders were given that this decoration should not be taken from him. The colonel who led the attack was in the forefront throughout and captured some of the enemy himself.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A depression covers the western states this morning while a moderate cool wave is situated over the Great Lakes. Showers have been experienced very locally from Ontario to the maritime provinces and snow is reported from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Forecasts.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—North to east winds, fine and a little cooler; Wednesday, fresh easterly winds, fine at first then some showers.

Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley—Fine and a little cooler today and on Wednesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh northerly winds, fine and a little cooler today and on Wednesday.

Fair; Cooler.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds, a few scattered showers today, but generally fair; Wednesday, fair and slightly cooler.

Superior—Fresh to northeast to east winds, fair and cool today, then showers.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Unsettled, occasional rain or snow.

Alberta—Generally fair, not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight, and Wednesday; cooler tonight, except on east Maine coast, possibility of light frost in the interior; gentle to moderate northwest to north winds.

Welcome Rain.

Adelaide, May 21—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A good general rain has fallen throughout the state, amounting to two inches in some places, materially benefitting lambing and greatly facilitating seeding operations. The season's outlook is excellent.

WHEN GERMANS FEAST.

WILHELM: "Now we have settled Russia prepare the next meal for Paris."
CHEF: "I am afraid the food will turn bad as it did last time."

BULLET IN HEAD; REVOLVER IN HAND

New Brunswick Girl Found In Her Room in Boston

Miss Nellie Lipsett Formerly Belonged in South Devon—Police Believe It Suicide But Are At Loss As To What Would Prompt Deed

Boston, May 21—With one hand holding a telephone receiver and the other clutching a revolver, Miss Nellie Lipsett, aged nineteen, was found dead in bed last night from a bullet wound in her head. Her sister Ruth made the discovery when she returned after work. The young women lived together in an apartment in the Alston district. Telephone records show that a call from the Lipsett apartment came in several hours before Miss Lipsett's body was found. The name of the person whom she called is sought by the police in their efforts to find a motive for the girl's death.

The police and the medical examiner said they were convinced that Miss Lipsett committed suicide, but that they were in the dark as to the cause. The Lipsett sisters came here several weeks ago from Fredericton, N. B., where their mother lives.

Mother and Five Sisters.

Fredericton, May 21—A telegram from Boston to Rev. A. D. McLeod, pastor of the Devon Methodist church, contained the news that Miss Nellie Lipsett, formerly of South Devon, had died suddenly in Boston yesterday and that the body would be brought here tomorrow for service with interment at Pleasant Valley, Nashwaak, the former home of the family.

The young woman is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lavinia Lipsett, widow of James Lipsett, residing in Devon; also by five sisters, Mrs. Angus McLaggan of Nashwaak Bridge, Miss May Lipsett of New York, Miss Ruth Lipsett of Boston, Mrs. Fred McElman, formerly of Marysville, who went about six weeks ago to Boston, where she now is, and Miss Allie Lipsett, at home. Miss Ruth Lipsett will accompany the body from Boston. The deceased had been residing in Boston for about two years but frequently visited her home, the last time during the winter. She was a young woman of attractive appearance.

HEAVY ELECTRICAL STORM HITS CENTRAL RESTIGOUCHE

Councillor Diotte's Barn Struck — Man and Horse Are Drowned

Dalhousie, May 21—Between six and seven o'clock on Sunday evening a very heavy electrical storm passed over the centre of Restigouche County. It was particularly heavy in the Parish of Balmoral. There a large barn owned by Councillor Henry Diotte was damaged. The lightning bolt struck the building while Mrs. Diotte was milking the cows and she had a narrow escape from being killed. The cattle were injured. The loss on the building is covered by insurance.

On Saturday a young man named Levisque was drowned while working for the P. Q. Lumber Co. on Nouvelle River, opposite Dalhousie. In the same accident the company lost a valuable horse, both man and horse disappeared in the heavy current.

FRENCH TRAWLER DESTROYS U-BOAT

Washington, May 21—The sinking of a German submarine by a French trawler is reported today in an official despatch from France. The trawler, commanded by First Mate Lecroix, left a patrol base and, meeting the submarine, promptly sank her and took prisoners the entire crew, including the captain. The captain of a Spanish schooner who was on board the submarine was taken on the trawler, which returned without injury.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.

Archie Cairnes to Nellie A. Corkham, property in St. Martins.

S. H. Ewing to E. Winifred, wife of F. H. Neve, property in Lancaster.

F. S. Jones to Eva S. Storey, property in Simonds.

Lauriston Co., Ltd., per mortgagee, to J. F. H. Teed, property in Simonds.

T. L. Morrissey to J. P. Bawn, property in Simonds.

J. F. H. Teed to P. W. Keane, property in Simonds.

Willard Wright to J. R. Black, property in St. Martins.

Kings County.

W. G. Anderson to Ellen Arseneau, property in Kingston.

Susanna Dempster to W. H. Mercer, property in Upham.

N. C. Geldart to H. E. Sinnott, property in Sussex.

J. A. Olive to Regina M. Holly, property in Rothesay.

H. B. Robinson to Jessie S. Brown, property in Westfield.

E. N. Secord to J. L. Wallace, property in Studholm.

Alice S. Tilley to J. E. Sayre, property in Rothesay.

CHANCELLOR AT ODDS WITH HIGHER COMMAND

Von Hertling and Von Kuehlmann Dissatisfied Over Alliance With Austria-Hungary

London, May 21—Strong opposition to a recently arranged alliance between Germany and Austria-Hungary is voiced by Chancellor Von Hertling and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann, according to reports from The Hague by the correspondent of the Daily Mail. They are reported to have said that they washed their hands of the entire matter as they objected to the methods by which the military part of the convention was devised over their heads by the German higher command.

General Ludendorff is said to be insisting that the agreement be passed and signed at once.

The military sections bind each party to aid the other with all its forces against any and every enemy, thus compelling Austria to place all her forces at the disposal of Germany.

OFF TILL NEXT SESSION

Senator Poirier's Proposal to Make Senators Attend 31 Sessions to Earn Indemnity

Ottawa, May 21—Yesterday in the upper house, Senator Lawrence Power introduced a bill which called for an attendance by senators at thirty-one actual sittings of the senate before they become entitled to sessional indemnity.

While some senators, including Sir James Lougheed, government leader, expressed approval of the principle of the bill, and all agreed that the old law had been subjected to abuses, it was decided that the bill should be withdrawn until next session, when more consideration could be given to its details.

SCHWAB MAKES ARRANGEMENT FOR 130 SHIPS AT COST OF ALMOST HUNDRED MILLIONS

Cleveland, May 21—An agreement tantamount to a contract to build 130 vessels to cost approximately $800,000 each and totalling about $100,000,000 was reached here yesterday by Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the government's shipping programme, and Great Lakes shipbuilding companies.

ON WAY TO WINDSOR.

About fifteen members of the Jewish Legion passed through the city today en route to Windsor, N. S., the mobilization centre of the legion.

Evidence of Plot In United States

Partly Responsible For Irish Arrests

PLAN FOR AN UPRISING

Washington Says Scheme of German and Irish Agents Uncovered—All Quiet in Ireland—Anti-Conscription Committee Gives Expression to Views

Washington, May 21—Evidence of plotting between German and Irish agents in this country for an uprising in Ireland has been uncovered by United States government agents and is partly responsible for the recent arrest of Irish leaders by the British government.

To Try Recruiting?

London, May 21—A total absence of excitement in Dublin is reported in all the despatches to the morning newspapers from the Irish capital and so far as is known there have been no untoward incidents in connection with the Sinn Fein arrests anywhere in the country. There are no outward indications that anything has happened, is happening or is about to happen. Some correspondents say the country is generally relieved over the arrests. A despatch to the Daily Express from Dublin says:

"If Lord French had won a great victory on the western front he could not have received more congratulations from the Irish than had been accorded him for the suppression of the seditious Sinn Fein. The country has recovered its normal temperature."

In the meantime, everyone in Ireland and Great Britain is awaiting production of the proof of a German plot and in many quarters it is believed there ought not to be any delay in making it public. It is reported from several sources that the government has no present intention of publicly arraigning those under arrest, who will be merely interned.

The question of Irish conscription continues to hold attention. It is asserted that conscription has not been abandoned, but that it is held in abeyance pending developments. Voluntary recruiting plans, according to the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Express are being

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A NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE, HALIFAX HAS SHARE IN IT

Weekly Trips, New York, Halifax and St. John's; Freight and Passenger

New York, May 21—The Federal Line and associated interests announced yesterday the inauguration of a weekly service, both freight and passenger, between New York, Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, Nfld.

The new line will act in co-operation with the Canadian Government for the shipment, to the United States, of many Canadian commodities for which in recent months, owing to war conditions, only irregular carrying facilities have been available.

The new line will be known as the Nova Scotia Steamships, Limited, and will be operated by the Federal Line, Inc., as owners' agents. Frank C. Chipman, formerly general manager of the Plant Line steamers, operating from Boston to Halifax, will have personal charge of the new service.

BANK HOURS

In order that the staffs, which have been reduced by the calls to arms, may have a better opportunity to get through with their work, the banks in Halifax are opening at nine-thirty instead of ten o'clock in the morning and closing at 2.30 instead of three o'clock in the afternoon. R. H. Anderson, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Prince William street, said this morning that earlier hours had been talked of for the banks in St. John, but no action has been taken. He believed that, if a change were being made, it would be advisable to open earlier than nine-thirty.

SOLDIER RECOVERING

John Kennedy of 164 Sydney street, received a telegram this morning containing the glad tidings that his son, Signaller John K. Kennedy, is recovering. While in action on May 1 he sustained severe burns to his face, arm and back, and his condition was reported as serious. He crossed overseas with the 55th battalion, but was transferred into another unit upon his arrival in England.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Gerald McElhinney took place this morning from his parents' residence, 390 Main street, to St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. F. Coghlan, C.SS.R. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Fred McGovern, Francis Henry, David Howard and Thomas Gosnell.

OUT TO SINK THE NORWEGIANS

Unrestricted U-Boat Warfare in Arctic—Russians also Attacked

Christiania, Norway, May 21—(By the Associated Press)—German submarines again have started unrestricted warfare on Norwegian fishing boats in the Arctic, north and east of the Norwegian coast. Fishermen saved from sunken vessels and landed at Hammerfest report that the commander of a submarine said that all vessels met by him would be sunk. Norwegian ships especially would be destroyed because he said the Norwegians were sending fish oil and seal oil to England. This, however, is contrary to the truth as the export of oils is forbidden and Germany knows it.

The U-boats are said to shell vessels without warning and, according to the survivors, direct a fire against life boats.

Russian fishing boats and a Russian mail steamer from Vardoe, eastward bound and overcrowded with passengers also were shelled. Eight persons, among them a postmaster and his assistant, were killed on the deck of the steamer. Many others were hurt after taking to the boats. When the commander of one German submarine was advised that Russia was at peace with Germany he answered that he acted the way it suited him.

PROPERTY HUSBAND'S BUT HE GAVE IT TO WIFE

Judgment in Supreme Court in Case of Robert J. vs. Mary J. Garnet

Mr. Justice White delivered an important judgment this morning at the opening of the May sitting of the supreme court, chancery division, in the case of Robert J. Garnett vs. Mary J. Garnett. The plaintiff and defendant were married in 1881, and lived together until 1905. The plaintiff acquired a property at 37 Brussels street, and in 1900 conveyed this to his wife. This suit was brought to have the deed cancelled or declared to be held in trust for the plaintiff, on the grounds that the property was conveyed by duress and fraud. The plaintiff in the alternative asked for a declaration as to his marital rights in the property.

It appeared from the evidence that the plaintiff worked on a small salary, and that together they kept a beer shop, first at Haymarket square and later in Brussels street, which the wife attended during the day, he making the beer at night. All moneys were put together and after payment of expenses put into a joint savings account. It was with this money that the property was purchased.

The defendant contends that it was her money that purchased the property, and the plaintiff only held it in trust for her, and further that the consideration for the conveyance was the moral obligation of the plaintiff to provide a home for her.

His Honor held that under the law, the husband must be held to be entitled to the money earned, even though she assisted in the earning of it, and the property must therefore be held to be purchased with his money; that there was no duress or fraud on the part of the defendant, but that the conveyance was a voluntary gift from husband to wife, and the deed could not be set aside. As no specific declaration was asked as to the plaintiff's marital rights, no decree was made respecting that. No costs were allowed to either party. H. A. Porter was the solicitor for the plaintiff and Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., was solicitor for the defendant.

The following cases were entered on the docket:—

The Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Company.

Maritime Nail Company vs. Gregory. Linton et al vs. Young.

Cohen vs. Hazen avenue Synagogue.

Francis M. Dibblee vs. Edward Bibblee.

John H. Lee vs. Walter Arthurs.

John H. Lee vs. Joseph O. Logan.

The N. B. Potato Exchange, Limited, vs. Hatfield.

The North British Mercantile Insurance Company vs. Holder Graber.

McKeowan vs. Shand.

Breen vs. Short.

The last three mentioned cases were fixed for trial on June 18, 17 and 25 respectively.

In the case of Edward J. Broderick et al executors, vs. Cullinan, on motion of S. A. M. Skinner, the master's report was confirmed.

IS BETTER TODAY

Emma LeBlanc, a young woman who was taken to the hospital last night, believed to be suffering from poisoning as the result of taking an overdose of lemon extract, was reported to be considerably improved today. She was found in the street and taken to police headquarters, but was later hurried to the hospital.

MONTREAL TO BE SOLELY FREIGHT PORT THIS SEASON

Montreal, May 21—The port of Montreal this season is to be devoted solely to freight traffic, all ocean passenger lines formerly using the St. Lawrence being diverted to other ports. This decision was taken after careful consideration by the admiralty, whose experts advised them that greater economy and expediency in shipping would be effected by the concentration of the freight carrying class of vessels to this port.

A feature of the shipment of horses this year is the employment of soldiers instead of cattlemen to tend the animals. Upon arrival in Europe the soldiers are drafted to their regular units. The expense of returning large numbers of cattle men is thus saved.