

FIGHTERS DEPLORE POLITICAL BICKERINGS

BRITISH OFFICERS CONDEMN GEN. MAURICE'S LETTER

**They and Men are Much Distressed with Un-
seemly Squabbles in Parliament and Press
When Hun is at the Gate—French Surprised at
Charges Against Premier Lloyd George.**

By Casper Whitney.
(Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.)
Paris, May 13.—Travelling through the Alsace region recently I found the British officers outspoken in their condemnation of the current and spiteful of General Maurice's published letter. They were distressed by the exhibition of party politics in the House of Commons and they hotly resented the implication that there was any feeling among the line officers at the front other than one of unreserved welcome for the French poilus. No one admires them more than the British who have fought with them and whose confidence in General Foch is deep and widespread.

Everywhere there is the severest criticism of the unpatriotic impulse behind the snarling and sniping at Lloyd George and of the repeated vilified attacks on the government by the pacifists and weak spirited.

An Officer Talks.

One officer voiced his sentiments in these words:
"With the Boche spilling their blood by buckets full to get across that line at our throats, how, in God's name, can any Englishman talk peace or shot at the men who are keeping us going?"

While riding toward Poix, two officers and I were discussing the allied position and the next German attack. One of them, a retired colonel, suddenly exclaimed with obvious emotion: "Why don't our men at home stop halting Lloyd George, the man who first put us going straight in this war? Why don't they stop washing their dirty political linen in public at such a time as this? The effort of Maurice and others to save the scores of blundering generals through seeking to discredit the government is bad enough at any time, but at this time it is scandalous and dangerous."

"We at the front are disgruntled with the mud flinging at home by disreputable officials. The ever-recurring debates in parliament are reaching

our men over here who are beginning to wonder if any of their leaders are fit for their jobs.

Too Much Knocking.

"Hearing first this and then that knocking, and reading a lot of over-drawn stories of the cost, are tending to make them believe that the officers of the staff are a lot of bluffers. 'It is having a bad effect on the officers and Tommies. It is likely to destroy the faith in the leaders here just as it has among the home people, just at the time when they need to hold fast to it. By the Lord Harry, I wish they would leave Lloyd George alone to get on with the war. He has been the one man we soldiers over here feel we have at home to see that the only fight England has now is against the Germans.'"

Impression on French.

The frequent squabbling in London is leaving also an unhappy impression on the French who were shocked at Maurice's action, and they marvel at the miserable differences among the people of their usually serene neighbor in an hour when the lives of both nations are threatened on the western front.

This and other recent spectacles in parliament indicate to the French as well as to every other intelligent sympathizer that England has men in high position who are less concerned with the winning of the war than with gratifying a personal ambition or venting their spleen. Therefore the rejection of Asquith's motion was received in France with frank satisfaction.

England should send her Lafayettees along the same obscure road as that self-seeking disloyal American is now walking. Among both French and British officers is heard everywhere expressed appreciation of America's good quick sense in realizing that the only way to give immediate and effective help is through the amalgamation of United States soldiers with the French and British and through team spirit in adopting the plan forthwith.

PATRIOTIC WORDS BY ARCHBISHOP MATHIEU

**Regina Prelate Glad to See
Laval Students Cheerful in
Going Forward to Duty
for Their Country.**

Ottawa, May 13.—Archbishop Mathieu of Regina yesterday at St. Jean Baptist church wished Godspeed to a number of young students of Laval now in training here with the Laval battalion, which is soon to proceed to another point to complete training. The archbishop said he was pleased to see the young soldiers perform their religious duties before leaving for the battlefield, many of them receiving communion. He congratulated them on the cheerfulness with which they were going forward to do their duty to their country.

One of the chief reasons why the King and British parliament were so willing to have Laval University founded for the French-Canadians was that they were so confident that it would be the credit of loyalty, that when the time came when its young men would be called upon they would not fail to do their duty to their country, the archbishop said.

STEEL STRIKE ENDS.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 13.—Machinists and helpers employed at the Bethlehem Steel Works, who have been on strike for nearly two weeks, returned to work today. Their grievances are to be investigated by the National War Labor Board.

SUFFERED WITH NERVES COULD NOT KEEP QUIET.

Diseases of the nervous system are very common.
All the organs of the body may be sound while the nerve centres may be affected.
Many women become run down and worn out by household duties never ending, and sooner or later find themselves with their nerves shattered, and the heart action weakened.
On the first sign of any weakness of either the heart or nerves, dragging energy, or physical breakdown, do not wait until your case becomes hopeless. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills will at once quieten the shaking nerves, strengthen the weak heart and build up the entire system.
Mrs. F. Bailey, 221 Earl St., Kingston, Ont., writes: "I was suffering very much with my nerves, so much so that I could not keep myself quiet at all. I was recommended to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills so I bought three boxes and I must say I have derived much benefit from them, so much so that my friends have all noticed the change in me."
Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c per box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

MINISTER OBJECTS TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IN CHURCH

**Complaint Made to Yarmouth
Military Authorities of Al-
leged Serious Case of Dis-
loyalty at Reynartown.**

Special to The Standard.
Yarmouth, N. S., May 13.—A serious case of alleged disloyalty was reported to the military authorities here today. It came through a well known business man, whose itinerary compelled him to stop in Yarmouth yesterday. While there he was told by several members of the primitive Baptist church in that place of an assertion made a few Sundays ago by a minister of Reynartown. He was conducting a service in the Gavelton church and requested the organist, a daughter of S. W. Marling, to select a closing hymn. She struck up the National Anthem. As she played the first line he put up his hand and signalled her to stop. She thought she was mistaken and continued to play. He then went to her and asked her to stop, claiming, turning to the congregation with the remark, "That is not fit to be played in any church."

Miss Marling went into hysterics. The incident is well corroborated, the members of the congregation speaking freely of it.

MINE-SWEEPING NOT EASIEST PART OF WAR

**When Story of this Occupa-
tion is Fully Told Many
Stirring Pages Will Be Ad-
ded to History of Anti-Sub-
marine Warfare.**

London, May 13.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—When the story of the humble mine-sweeper is fully told, many stirring pages will be added to the history of anti-submarine warfare, for this little craft is sharing the work of the dash destroyer and "chaser" in running down U-boats. A mine-sweeper invariably drops its accursed business for the bigger game and many an enemy submarine has been accounted for by them.

According to official reports, there are forty times more mine-sweepers in commission today in the service of the Allies than in July, 1914.

Recently a fleet of six, all trawlers, sighted a mine drift. The rough sea prevented the boats from sinking the mine by gunfire, darkness was coming on, and there was a possibility of losing it. So the commander approached the mine in a small boat, and when within some distance of the drifting menace he took to the water and swam the mine by hand. Next day two of the trawlers returned to his boat and towed it ashore, where it was exploded by rifle fire.

Often days elapse before a mine which has been discovered can be destroyed. In a terrible gale, with mountainside seas running, a party of mine-sweepers found a nest of eight mines. The boats were unable to use their guns on them and as night came on the little vessels lay to in imminent danger of being washed onto the engines of death. Next day two of the mines were sunk by gunfire, but one of the sweepers was lost—how, the report does not state. It was not until the evening of the fourth day that this last of the mines was exploded.

The trawler *Manx King* hauled up a mine in such a dangerous position that one horn of the mine came within a few inches of the boat's rail and anchor was almost touching the gear. The slightest roll of the vessel would have caused its destruction. The difficulty was met by lashing the mine to the sweeper, so that it would not be bumped against the side, and experts were summoned to remove the detonators from the dangerous prize.

EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD TELEPHONE OPERATOR SLAIN IN EXCHANGE

**Mrs. Ellen Cooper Pease, Wife of R. Pease, Chauffeur, Shot and Killed by Husband at Midnight in
Quarters of Liberty and Belfast Telephone Co.
at North Searsmont, Me. — Couple Had Been
Separated — Another Operator Witness of the
Murder.**

Belfast, Me., May 13.—As the result of a grim tragedy in the telephone office at North Searsmont, Ellen Cooper Pease, aged eighteen, one of the operators, is dead and her husband, Roy Pease, aged 28, is under arrest charged with murder. Pease was an automobile driver for a Belfast hotel man. He and his wife were married when she was fifteen years of age. There are two children the younger of whom is three months old. The dead woman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, well to do and highly respected residents of North Searsmont. For several months Pease and his girl wife had not been living together, she being supported by her own people and her earnings in the telephone office.

Girl Operator's Story.
The story of the tragedy is well told by Miss Marie Jackson, a remarkable bright and attractive girl. She says:

"I am an operator for the Liberty and Belfast Telephone Co. and have been living with Mrs. Ellen Cooper Pease in a small house in North Searsmont village owned by the company in which the telephone exchange is located. We retired at 10.15, occupying the same bed in a room just off the telephone office. We left a kerosene lamp burning on the switchboard and the door was open so that the light shone into the bedroom. Ellen's baby a few months old, slept in a carriage at the foot of the bed."

Midnight Call.
"About 12.45 I was aroused by the sound of someone talking and saw Mr. Pease standing by the side of the bed, talking to his wife. I spoke to

her and she woke up. He asked if he could stay all night. Helen said that he could and that there was a bed upstairs that he could sleep in. He asked her if she would go upstairs with him, but she said that she couldn't as it was her night on duty. She and I work on alternate nights. He asked me if I wouldn't work for her for the rest of the night and I said, 'Sure,' but Ellen said that she wouldn't as she wanted to stay and attend to the switchboard, besides she didn't want to leave the baby."

Fires At Wife.
"At this he said, 'All right,' pulled a revolver and fired two shots. The first hit the wall over our heads and Ellen set up in bed and said, 'Why, Roy, what are you doing?' Without answering he fired the second shot which struck her in the head and she fell over dead. Then he turned to me and said, 'Don't you tell of this until I get away.' Then he went out. As soon as he was gone, I got up and went to the switchboard and telephoned to Mrs. Poland across the street, who came right over and who then went back and got her husband. Then Frank Cooper, Ellen's father, who lives near, came and we got Dr. C. B. Roy, who examined Ellen and found she was dead."

The village was soon aroused and Deputy Sheriff Charles S. Adams and a posse started on a midnight chase for the murderer. Pease was traced to the home of his father, Fred Pease, Burketville, West Appleton, sixteen miles distant. He was arrested without difficulty and lodged in the Belfast jail. He is being held without bail for trial. The penalty for murder in this state is life imprisonment in the state prison at Thomaston.

HAVE DARK HAIR AND LOOK YOUNG

**Don't Stay Gray! Nobody Can Tell
When You Darken Gray, Faded
Hair with Sage Tea and
Sulphur.**

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" you will get a large bottle of this old time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. It's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

MONTREAL MILK 12 1/2.

Montreal, May 13.—The price of milk was lowered half a cent a quart in the Montreal district today. It is now 12 1/2 cents a quart.

UNITED STATES SILK CENTRE OF THE WORLD

**War Has Stimulated Manufacture
There at Expense of
Far East and European
Countries.**

Washington, May 13.—The United States has become the silk manufacturing centre of the world as a result of the war, which has stimulated the manufacture of silk here and in the Far East at the expense of Europe. A study of the silk industry, the first official inquiry of the kind, has just been completed by the Tariff Commission.

Japan continues to lead the world in the production of silk, while the United States, first among the nations in its manufacture, does not produce a single pound of the material. France continues the chief European manufacturer of silk and the principal source of American imports, Japan ranking second.

The annual requirements of the American silk industry are 20,000 tons of silk and silk waste, 10,000 tons of cotton and other yarns, and 1,000 tons of metallic tin for weighing. Most striking of all the developments due to the war has been the expansion of the spun-silk industry. The government is requiring vast amounts of coarse silk cloth, made from silk noil, for making powder bags for the big guns.

Many finer varieties of silk manufactured or else are manufactured in very small quantities. Switzerland supplies practically all of the silk boiling cloth needed by the four millers of the world. Hatter's plush, from which is made man's silk hats, comes from France. Silk lace, silk netting, silk embroideries, veils and veillings, ribbons and handkerchief material largely are imported. In all other branches of the industry, even the wearing apparel and velvets, the imports are relatively small compared to the total consumption.

Habutae, of which silk handkerchiefs are made, a soft smooth plain woven fabric of pure silk, is the largest single item of silk brought from abroad. It has been a Japanese specialty for more than 1,000 years. Artificial horse hair is made of silk in coarse single filaments. Artificial silk is made in fine filaments, which must be combined before use.

Some silk filament is so fine that it measures 3,000,000 yards, or about 1,700 miles, to the pound.

GERMAN PRISONERS LIKE TREATMENT

**Teuton Airmen in Palestine
Having Good Time at Ex-
pense of John Bull.**

London, May 13.—(Via Reuters Limited.)—The newspapers publish an extract from an intercepted letter written by a captured German aviator to his parents. The German writes: "We are here in Jaffa (Palestine), in a very nice English hospital, in absolutely first class care. The doctors and sisters are first rate; very friendly. The treatment and food are splendid. My pilot and myself have a large fine room to ourselves. It is absolutely princely. Yesterday and today, too, we had many visitors. English flying officers are all very friendly. They brought us books, cigarettes, etc. As yet we have only been astonished at our treatment because it is so good."

GERMANY ANNOUNCES CRIMEAN INTENTIONS

**Advance on Sebastopol Made,
Huns Claim, Because Rus-
sian Fleet Attacked Cities.**

Washington, May 13.—Recent exchanges between Russia and Germany over German intentions in the Crimea made public today by the state department, disclose that the German advance on Sebastopol was made, according to German explanations, because of attacks by the Russian Black Sea fleet on cities held by Germany. Sebastopol was captured several days ago.

The German ambassador informed the Russians that the German government had no intention of forcing on Crimea any particular form of government and that it would allow the Crimeans the right of self-determination. The military advance, it was stated, would not interfere with Germany's political intentions.

The Soviet government replied that it could not take that view and protested against the German military move.

MONTREAL STREET CAR EMPLOYEES WANT RAISE

Montreal, May 13.—The representatives of the Street Car Employees' Union who have been negotiating with the officials of the Montreal Tramways Company for an increase in wages for the conductors and motormen claim the conferences have ended unsatisfactorily. A mass meeting of the 3,000 tramway employees will be held tomorrow night to decide whether the government will be applied to to appoint an arbitration board.

ESCAPES DROWNING TO GET LOST IN WOODS

**Maine Young Man Wanders
for Two Days in L'Islet
County, Que.**

Quebec, May 13.—News comes from St. Pamphile, L'Islet county, that a young man, Alexander Nicholas, while attempting to ride a log down the River Noire, from a logging camp at Seron Islands, Maine, escaped drowning to meet a series of adventures. Rescued from the water, he lost his way in the bush and wandered for two days. A searching party rescued him, and he was almost dead from exposure and hunger.

TWO MEN NOT 20 DROWNED IN QUEBEC

**First Report was to Effect that
Score of Log Drivers Lost
Lives.**

Quebec, May 13.—The report of the drowning of twenty men near Lake Desanglades has been investigated and it is found that only two men of the twenty on the raft were drowned, one Gyr and one Guerette, both single, aged about twenty, belonging to the small village of French Hill in Maine. Guerette's body has been recovered.

HANDS SWOLLEN WITH RHEUMATISM

**And Suffered Much From Backache in
Spite of all That Two Doctors
Could Do—Cure Vouchered for
by His Pastor.**

Spencer's Island, N. S., Mar. 27.—This letter tells of the complete cure of rheumatism by the combined use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Kidney Liver Pills.

Mr. Spicer was so bad that his hands would swell and cause him much suffering from the pain. He could not sleep at nights and was rather discouraged when two doctors could not help him much.

His cure was perfected three years ago, and is strongly endorsed by his pastor, who says he seems to be in perfect health.


Mr. Spicer writes: "For one year I was afflicted with rheumatism and suffered from backache, and weak kidneys. My hands used to swell and I could not sleep at night. I consulted two doctors within that time, but neither of them did me much good. Finally I commenced a treatment of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I had read about this combined treatment in Dr. Chase's Almanac, and resolved to give it a trial. The results were splendid, for after using about six boxes, I obtained a perfect cure. That was three years ago, and I have had no returns of the old trouble since."

Rev. Austin M. Angus, Methodist Clergyman, Advocate, N. S., writes: "I have known Mr. Spicer, who has been completely cured of rheumatism by Dr. Chase's treatment for some time, and believe the above statement is correct. He seems now to be in perfect health."

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