

Govt. Decides Men Under That Age Are Too Immature For Services Overseas.

Paris, May 23.—Successful attacks were made by the French last night on three parts of the front, the war office announces. The attacks were made on the Aisne front. In the region of the Californie Plateau the French captured observation points dominating the Ailette Valley. Progress was made on the northern slope of the heights east of Chevreux. Three lines of German trenches east of Chevreux were captured during the night. German counter-attacks failed.

PATROLS GET PRISONERS.

London, May 23.—“Last night the enemy again bombarded our positions on the Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of Bullecourt,” says today’s official statement.

“Our artillery replied vigorously. No hostile attack developed.

“We made a successful raid early this morning southeast of Gavrilles. A number of Germans were killed, without any casualties among our troops.

“We captured a few prisoners during the night as a result of patrol encounters at different points on our

front north of Armentieres."

THE FRENCH REPORT.

Paris, May 23.—The French official statement follows:

"Two spirited attacks with good results yesterday evening at three points on the front. On the Vauclerc Plateau and on the Californie Plateau our troops conquered the last of the observation points dominating the Ailette Valley. They enlarged considerably their positions on the northern slopes.

"We carried three times of German trenches east of Chevroux during the night. A counter-attack by the enemy against our new positions on the Californie Plateau was stopped by our fire, which inflicted heavy losses on the attackers. We captured 250 Germans, of whom 11 are officers.

"An enemy attack on the slopes southwest of Eparges was checked completely. Everywhere else the night was

JOFFRE AND VIVIANI
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ARE SAFE IN PARIS

The French Mission Cleverly
Avoided Publicity.

SUPPOSED TO BE IN U. S.

Newspapers Which Knew of
Sailing Loyalty Kept
Secret.

"Iron Hand" Kerensky Good As His Word; Arrests Deserters

War Minister Carries Out His Promises of Stern Discipline.

Petrograd, May 22.—Vla London, May 23.—The "Iron Hand" threatened by M. Kerensky, the war minister, for restoring discipline in the army, was first employed last night with success when two companies of a Finland regiment surrounded a large house in Ligovsky street, where thirty armed deserters had

Paris, May 23.—Marshall Joffre and Former Premier Viviani arrived at Breast last night on their return from America. They reached Breast at midnight and are due in Paris tonight.

Washington, May 23.—Former Premier Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the French mission sailed from New York Tuesday May 19, in accordance with the invitations of French officials and many American newspapers which joyfully kept the French guests of the nation might not be unnecessarily endangered by German submarines. The party slipped away on the same steamer which brought them over, and conveyed by French warship.

The French commissioners generally were supposed to be invited to visit various sections of the country. It is understood that they will leave Monday, May 14, the mission returns to Washington on special trains from Montreal, and will be met by the Canadian cities.

Secret Well Kept.
It was presumed they were returning

secreted themselves.

Previously the temporary Government had never dared arrest deserters and pessimists had predicted a sanguinary collision when the infantry attempt was made. The final display of the "Iron Hand" all the thirty men surrendered tamely and were marched off to barracks.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night:

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 55; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Forecast for Friday, May 23—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Strong winds and gales from the west and northwest; a few passing showers of snow or rain, but gradually

clearing.

Thursday—Frost northwest and west winds; fair and cool.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	53	40	Fair
Calgary	60	46	Fair
Winnipeg	60	39	Clear
Edmonton	50	32	Cloudy
Parry Sound	46	38	Rain
Port Stanley	50	42	Rain
Thunder Bay	50	40	Cloudy
Toronto	50	42	Cloudy
Montreal	48	36	Cloudy
Ottawa	48	44	Rain
Quebec	48	34	Cloudy
Father Point	40	40	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was over Southern Illinois yesterday morning has been stretched across the Georgian Bay with increasing intensity, causing strong winds and gales in Ontario and Quebec.

Fair weather prevails in the Western Provinces.

DEVASTATED BY FIRE.

Amoy, Aug. 23.—(Press.)—London, 10.45 a.m.—A Budapest dispatch states that the Hungarian town Gyöngös has been devastated by fire. 1,500 houses have been destroyed, and 240 still on fire. Seventy thousand persons have been displaced.

Deaths have been reported at Gyöngös is 44 miles from Budapest and had a population in 1900 of 15,463.