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WIN TWO MORE DOMINATING HEIGHTS

UPSET GIGANTIC GERMAN OFFENSIVE FRENCH

IF THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME

NO ENLISTMENT UNDER TWENTY FOR DOMINION

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

OTTAWA. MAY 23.-IT IS OFFICIALLY AN-NOUNCED THAT THE MINIMUM AGE AT WHICH COMPULSION SHALL BE APPLIED IN CANADA IS TO BE 20 YEARS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REASON FOR THE RAIS-ING OF THE MINIMUM AGE OF CONSCRIPTION FROM 18 TO 20 YEARS IS THAT EXPERIENCE AT THE FRONT HAS SHOWN MEN OF 18 TO BE TOO IMMATURE TO STAND THE RIGORS OF WAR. FOR THIS REASON IT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE TO HOLD MOST OF THE CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS IN ENGLAND UNTIL THEY REACHED THE AGE OF 19. THE UNITED STATES BILL FIXES THE MINIMUM AT 21. BUT THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ON OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE HAVE DEEMED IT WISE TO DRAFT NO MEN UNDER 20 YEARS.

OTHERWISE THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION TODAY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE MEASURE MAY NOT COME DOWN IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE MONDAY OR TUESDAY OWING TO THE GREAT CARE BEING TAKEN IN DRAFTING IT.

DEPORTING BELGIANS

RESUMED BY GERMANS

ported from the suburbs of Brussels since the beginning of March.

bers Pledged to Support Wilson.

ALBERT EGELTON IS KILLED IN ACTION. A CHRISTIAN HERO

Son of Detective Egelton Fell in Battle On May 19.

FINE TYPE OF CITIZEN

Employed at Postoffice Before PRESBYTERIANS TO Enlisting-Pastor Pays Tribute.

Another of this city's finest young men has answered the final call on the battlefield in France, in the person of Albert E. Egleton, son of Detective and Mrs. Robert Egelton, who was killed in action on last Saturday, May 19th. A telegram announcing his death was received by his parents this morning. He enlisted in March last with the 142nd Battalion, and went overseas with that unit, having the rank of quartermaster. He was 23 years of age and prior to enlistment was employed in the money order department at the postoffice, where he had been for five years before joining the 142nd.

In Thick of Fighting.

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Dallas, Texas, May 23.—The support of six million Presbyterians and the resources of the Presbyterian Church in the presection of the war were piedged to President Wilson and the nation, in resolutions adopted unanimously yesterday by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The resolutions will be read from the pulpits of all the Presbyterian churchs represented by the society.

BIG RUSH TO ENLIST



STATES IN WAR TO SAVE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RACE

No Nation Could Have Longer Borne Wrongs, Says Wilson.

REPLIES TO A CRITIC

American People Not Haters of Germany, But Must Destroy Militarism.

Washington, May 23.—No nation that respected itself or the rights of humanity could longer have borne the overwhelming wrongs that Germany inflicted upon the United States, President Wilson declared in a letter re-stating the reasons for the nation's entrance into the war written to Representative Heflin of Alabama and made public last night at the White House. Mr. Heflin had written to the president, saying some of his recent utterances on the war apparently had caused conon the war apparently had caused con fusion, over the issue with Germany The president's letter follows:

Surprised at Doubt.
"It is incomprehensible to me ho any honest person could doubt or que tion my position with regard to the war and its objects. I have again a again stated the very serious and long continued wrongs which the imperi German government has perpetrated against the rights, the commerce and the citizens of the United States. The list is long and overwhelming. No nation that respected itself or the rights of humanity could have borne there were any longer.

Protest of Pope and Socialists of Little

Effect.

Havre, May 23.—The Germans have resumed deportations of Belgians, according to information received by the Belgian Government. Three thousand persons are reported to have been deported by the persons are reported to have been deported by the persons are reported to have been deported by the persons are reported to have been deported by the persons are reported to have been deported by the purpose of weakening the hands of the Government and making the part which the French were compelled to use the purpose of weakening the hands of the Government and making the part which the French were compelled to use the United States is to play in this great struggle for human liberty an inefficient and hesitating part. We have entered the war for our own reasons and with our own objects clearly present the Cornillet front recent German forces will attacks as well as the great derees which the French were compelled to use in their victorious advance.

Hindenburg There.

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orted to have ceased last month owing o the representations made to Berlin by Pope Benedict, and protests from some of the German Socialists. ANTI-CONSCRIPTION BACK U. S. IN WAR Resources of Six Million Church Mem-

DEFENCE FORCE IS DISBANDED **AGITATION LIVELY AT** CITY OF MONTREAL

"Down With Conscription," "Change Government," the Cry.

RAIN SPOILS THE PARADE



FRENCH PREVENTS HINDENBURG DRIVE

Sudden and Furious Advance Plays "Hob" With Great Offensive Planned by the German Marshal.

Recruits-Men Who Joined Will Be Asked To Go

Overseas.

rights of humanity could have borne these wrongs any longer.

Made His Views Clear.

"Our objects in going into the war have been stated with equal clearness. The whole of the conception, which I take to be the conception of our fellow-countrymen with regard to the outcome of the war and the terms of its settlement, I set forth with the utmost explicitness in an address to the Senate of the United States on the 22nd of January last. Again in my message to Congress on the 2nd of April last those objects were stated in unmistakable terms.

METHIGH MAGE DIACKA.

BY HENRY WOOD.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

With the French Armies on the Champagne, May 23.—Gen. Nivelle's new offensive, begun Sunday, and thunderously continued, forestalled a gigantic German counter-offensive move.

Prisoners from German lines revealed the enemy plans today. Their explanations threw light on the tremendous power behind recent German counter-offensive move.

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French Attacks Furious.

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ne got for personal work should her nave been paid to the company as claimed by the contesting respondents. It was his privilege to do outside work as it was the privilege of Charles M. E. Nichols, joint manager with Mr. MacNab to do the same.

MacNab's Charges.

After explaining he was not imputing OWING TO LACK OF RESPONSE Militia Department Sends Instructions To Take No More

FRENCH DASH TAKES 3 LINES OF TRENCHES: BRITISH PATROLS BUSY

TISZA, TOOL OF BERLIN CROWD. FORCED TO OUIT

Hungarian Cabinet Reported To Have Resigned.

London, May 23, 11:10 a.m.—A Cen-al News dispatch from Amsterdam ays that the Hungarian cabinet, of Count Tisza, the "Iron Man" of Austria-Hungary, has been for many years the leader of the pro-German party in the Dual Monarchy, and was the last survivor of the little group of statesmen who surrounded Emperor Francis Joseph when the European war began. On the accession of Emperor Charles, the majority of the officials of the previous regime were either dismissed or resigned. There have been persistent reports from many sources that Emperor Charles keenly resented the dominance of Berlin in Austro-Hungarlan affairs, and that Count Tisza was the great obstacle which prevented him from freeing his empire from the influence of Potsdam.

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There have been several reports recently that the fall of Premier Tisza
was imminent, but the rigid censorship
imposed by Vienna has prevented the
outside world from learning the exact
condition of affairs.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. Amsterdam, May 23—Via London.—A udapest telegram received here by way Berlin says it is reported Premier isza submitted to the king's proposals r franchise reform. The king reserved is decision, upon which depends hether the choiner will resign. Count taxe the dispertion says is laughter for

M'NAB MAKES CHARGE Plateau and on the Californie Plateau

to the contestation of his winding up which inflicted heavy losses on MacNab, formerly editor of the Mail, contends that a certain sum of money he got for personal work should not

MacNab's Charges.

After explaining he was not imputing any dishonorable motives, Mr. MacNab's counsel claims Mr. Nichols engaged a number of enterprises conducting to his personal advantage, but not to that of the company, Mr. Nichols, plaintiff, alleges: "(a) Endeavored to secure shell contracts for a shareholder; (b) Endeavored to get a similar contract for the Record Foundry and Machine Company of Moncton, in which his father-in-law, Hon. Josiah Wood, lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, was interested; (c) Endeavored to obtain a high command for Lieut.-Col. Frank B. Black, brother-in-law of the managing director of the company, and subsequently endeavored

and were marched off to barracks.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Forecasts. Today—Strong winds and gales from the west and northwest; a few passin howers of snow or rain, but graduall ay-Fresh northwest and wes

Stations. High. Victoria 56 Calgary 60 Winnipeg 60
Port Arthur . . . 50
Parry Sound . . . 46
Port Stanley . . . 56
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Poilus Attack Successfully on Three Parts of Aisne Front While Tommies Get Prisoners in Numerous Raids.

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 Aillette 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 state-

"Our artillery replied vigorously. No hostile attack developed.

'We made a successful raid early this morning southeast of Gavrelles. 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.'

JOFFRE AND VIVIANI

ELUDE SUB DANGERS.

ARE SAFE IN PARIS

The French Mission Cleverly

Avoided Publicity.

SUPPOSED TO BE IN U.S.

Newspapers Which Knew of

Sailing Loyally Kept

Secret.

Paris, May 23.-Marshal Joffre and

former Premier Viviani arrived at Brest last night on their return from

America. They reached Brest at mid-night and are due in Paris tonight.

Washington, May 23.-Former Premier

Washington, May 23.—Former Premier Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the French mission sailed from New York Tuesday. May 15, unknown except to a few officials and many American newspapers, which loyally kept the secret so the distinguished 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 convoyed by a French warship.

The French commissioners generally were supposed to be still in Washington and up to yesterday invitations to them to visit various sections of the country were received in great numbers.

It was presumed they were returning here to take up their conference on the conduct of the war, but they really re-

conduct of the war, but they really returned to make a farewell visit to the President. Up to that time there had been not even an intimation that the visitors were to leave so soon. Their special train was held in waiting, and late that afternoon, in accordance with carefully-laid plans, the mission sped away again, doubling back over the route it had covered earlier the same day and reached New York before midnight.

THE FRENCH REPORT. Paris, May 23 .- The French official

statement follows: "We made spirited attacks with good results yesterday evening at three servation points dominating the Aillette Valley. They enlarged considerably their positions on the northern slopes.

"We carried three lines of German trenches east of Chevreux during the night. A counter-attack by the enemy against our new positions on the Cali-Montreal, May 23 .- Filing his response fornie Plateau was stopped by our fire order application against the Daily tackers. We captured 250 Germans, of Mail Publishing Company, Brenton A. "An enemy attack on the slopes south.

west of Eparges was checked complete Everywhere else the night was

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

War Minister Carries Out His Promises of Stern Discipline.

Petrograd, May 22-Via 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 secreted themselves.

Previously the temporary Government had never dared arrest deserters and pessimists had predicted a sanguinary collision when the initial attempt was made. But at the first display of the "Iron Hand" all the thirty men surrendered tamely

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 55; lowest, 39.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 am. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

through the harbor guards in the early hours of Tuesday morning, and so well had the plans been laid that it was generally supposed in New York that the liner and her convoy were salling for Hampton Roads to take on the French party at the same place where they landed on coming to the United States. The ships, however, were laying their course across the Allantic, through the dangers of the submaring zone for Ressi. TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL.

Thursda, winds; fair and cool. Temperatures. The following were the highest and inwest temperatures during the 24 hours

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was over Southern Illinois yesterday morning has moved northeastward to the Georgian moved northeastward to the Georgian devastated by fire, 1,000 h destroyed, and 240 still on f g winds and gales in Ontario and thousand persons are home Fair weather prevails in the Western Gyoenyoes is 44 miles from B

BERLIN TELLS SPAIN SORRY FOR SINKINGS

Cloudy manders of submarines who violate our

DEVASTATED BY FIRE. and had a population in 1900 of 18,463,