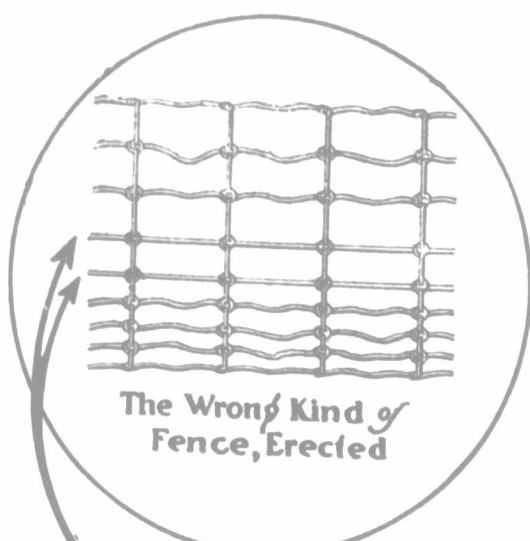


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Law with misstatements in regard to the number of men and conduct of the war on the west front. In reply Premier Lloyd-George stated in the House that the figures he had given were taken from those supplied by the Department over which Maj.-Gen. Maurice then had control. Maurice had been removed from that post, Director of Military Operations at the British War Office, because of his criticisms of Gen. Foch, and the question of military discipline in regard to his letter to *The Chronicle* will now be subject to inquiry. On his removal from the War Office Maj.-Gen. Maurice was transferred to duties in the field.

Brigadier General Carey has been promoted to the dignity of Major General in recognition of his great services when, on March 23, he gathered a "scratch army" of signallers, aerial mechanics, Chinese laborers, men of the Labor Corps, and American Engineers, to bridge the gap left when Gen. Gough's Fifth Army broke. The gap was eight miles across and the scratch army held it for nearly 6 days until, by the swinging back of the right wing of Gen. Byng's Third Army and the arrival of French reinforcements under Gen. Foyelle, the line was again united.

British light naval forces have made another successful venture which resulted in the sinking of the old cruiser, "Vindictive", filled with cement, in Ostend harbour, partly blocking the channel. Zeebrugge channel is believed to be completely blocked since the last raid, in which the "Vindictive" played a prominent part in carrying troops.

On May 8th the Germans renewed their drive against the British and French troops in the Kemmel area, attacking from Voormezele to La Clytte, but the result was that von Arnim's armies were hurled back over the greater part of a 5-mile front, succeeding in penetrating the front-line trenches at only a few points. Heavy rains have, however, suspended war activities for the most part during the week, except for the big guns which have continued to boom, while airmen have fought battles in the sky at every opportunity. The Canadians have taken over a sector south of Arras, still holding the front from Hill 70 to Gavrelle, east of Vimy Ridge, a distance of 13½ miles of very critical defences. Next to them a division of Americans has been given place, and will work in conjunction with them; while farther to the south the Australians hold the lines and have been winning glory in the sector east of Amiens and again west of Morlancourt, near Albert, capturing an important table land between the Ancre and the Somme. During the week a successful raid was made by the Canadians on their new front. At time of going to press the French are attacking Kemmel Hill, upon which such a bombardment has been kept up since its capture by the enemy that it has been of little use to them. It is expected, however, that the next great German drive will be made towards Amiens. The French and British are facing this probability with the greatest optimism, and in the meantime their airmen are harassing the approaching German forces, and proving themselves more than a match for the German airmen, who have lost as many as 279 planes in one week. In the meantime Roumania has been forced by the Central Powers to sign the Peace of Bucharest by which her territory is butchered, rich slices being given to Austria and Bulgaria. The German agreement with the Ukraine is said to be less satisfactory to the Germans, as the Government set up, under German influence, after the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk are unable to enforce the terms of the treaty by which the peasants were to be forced to give up large supplies of food. Also the German Commander, Gen. Eichhorn, has accused some of the members of conspiring to assassinate German officers, and has had three of the Ministers arrested. A rumor is current that the Ukraine may conclude peace with Russia.

Noticeable Resemblance.—"Isn't that a Bouguereau?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle as they stopped for a moment to look at the new pictures.

"Oh, my, no," replied her hostess; "it's a lion. But I told Josiah when he brought it home that it looked a good deal more like one of them things you mention."—Chicago Record-Herald.