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British Recover Most of Ground They Lost in Bullecourt Village

Heavy Fighting North of Scarpe River is Reported—Powerful Attack Upon French But Latter Hold All Positions

London, May 16.—The British have recaptured most of the ground they had lost in Bullecourt and have established a new position on the west side of the village, says a despatch today from Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters.

HEAVY ATTACK ON FRENCH

Paris, May 16.—A violent battle is raging near Moulou de Laffaux on the French front, where the Germans have attacked in force after an artillery struggle which lasted throughout the night. The official statement of the war office says the French are maintaining all their positions.

SEVERE FIGHTING

London, May 16.—Severe fighting is in progress today north of the Scarpe River on the Arras battlefield, says today's official statement on operations in the Mesopotamia theatre.

IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, May 16.—The British campaign in Mesopotamia, where a series of important victories over the Turks have been won, is now almost at a standstill.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THE MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT WAS ISSUED TODAY:—

Though no important operations have occurred since the beginning of the month, we have secured 136 prisoners, including twenty-nine in a skirmish near Delil Abbas.

DETAILED STATEMENT

London, May 16.—The British official report says: "Fighting continued yesterday to our advantage in the western portion of Bullecourt. We captured a few prisoners in the course of a small encounter last night on the right of our position in the Hindenburg line east of the village. Severe fighting is in progress north of the Scarpe."

Paris, May 16.—The French statement follows: "Artillery fighting continued during the night. After a violent bombardment the enemy this morning delivered a powerful attack on a front of four kilometers in the region of Moulou de Laffaux. We maintained our positions in spite of his repeated efforts. The fighting continued at various points."

"Surprise attacks undertaken by the Germans in the regions of Aubervicq, Avromont and Barenkopf were broken by our fire. In Upper Alsace one of our light detachments penetrated the enemy trenches and brought back prisoners, after having wrecked defensive positions of the enemy."

A LIQUOR CASE

A liquor case against Alexander Efton, whose premises at 692 Main street was visited late yesterday afternoon by Sub-Inspector Crawford and Detective Duncan, and a case of gin and bottle of whiskey found, promises some interesting developments, as it will probably determine whether the liability in the premises rests with the proprietor of a boarding or lodging house or with the man who brings the liquor to the place.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF ZEPPELIN

Amsterdam, May 16, via London.—The loss of the Zeppelin L. 22 is officially admitted in a statement issued by the German admiralty.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY STATEMENT

A British admiralty statement of May 14 stated that the L. 22 had been shot down in the North Sea.

ANOTHER HONOR FOR Balfour

Richmond, Virginia, May 16.—Arthur James Balfour and twelve other members of the British war commission will be initiated as members of the Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest scholastic honorary fraternity in America.

GERMAN GENERAL KILLED

Amsterdam, May 16.—The death of General Von Vittinghoff, former governor of Strassburg, is reported in a despatch from Berlin. He died from wounds received near Soissons.

LOYALIST DAY

In honor of the anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists, who first set foot in St. John on May 18, 1784, there will be a band concert of patriotic music in King square on Friday. Lieut.-Col. Gillis, O.C., the 21st battalion, has offered the services of his battalion's band for the occasion and the band will play from the elevated stand in the square from 11.30 to 12.15, noon on that day.

NEW POLICEMAN

Owing to the resignation of Policeman E. F. Lund from the local force, a new man was taken on this morning at the person of Henry E. Day of this city. The new policeman stands five feet ten and one-half inches, weighs 170 pounds and is twenty-six years of age.

ITALIANS ARE WINNING IN FACE OF STIFF OPPOSITION

Rome, May 15, via Paris, May 16.—Important successes were won by the Italians today in inaugurating their drive on the Isonzo front. The following official note in regard to these operations was given out here tonight:—

BIG DAY OF YEAR AT U. N. B.

The Encenia Exercises of Tomorrow

List of Medal Winners and Those Upon Whom Degrees are to be Conferred—News of Fredericton

Fredericton, May 16.—The annual encenia exercises at the University of New Brunswick tomorrow promise to be especially interesting. Lieut.-Governor Wood will preside at the opening of the provincial government have been invited to attend. Prof. Styles will speak in praise of the founders and Charles R. Smith will be the valedictorian. Hon. J. D. Hagen, who was to be the alumni orator, will be unable to be present.

Chancellor Jones this morning announced the list of prize winners and graduates as follows: Douglas Gold medal, for best English essay on "The Geology and Mineral Deposits of New Brunswick," D. Gordon Willet of St. John.

The Montgomery Campbell prize for fourth year Latin and Greek, ordinary and honors, Charles R. Smith of Lower Coveville, Albert county.

The Governor-General's gold medal for fourth year natural science and chemistry, ordinary and distinction, Leo C. Kelley of Fredericton.

The Ketchum silver medal for fourth year civil engineering, J. P. MacDonald of Shediac road, Moncton.

The City of Fredericton gold medal for the design of a water tower for the City of Fredericton, Austin F. MacDonnell.

Alumnae Society's scholarship for highest standing among young women students of the second year, Maude M. McMonagle of Fredericton.

The William Crocker scholarship for first year Latin and Greek, ordinary and distinction, Walter B. Piet of Fredericton.

Dr. W. W. White's prize for best essay in the freshman course in ordinary English, M. Louise Friel, Moncton, N.B.

Sir Frederic Williams-Taylor's gold medal for best all round athlete, announced in the second year, Maude M. McMonagle of Fredericton.

Purves Loggie memorial scholarship for second year surveying, descriptive geometry and trigonometry, J. Ellis Taylor of St. John West.

Higher Degrees Degree of M. A., Kenneth A. Baird, George J. Marr.

Degree of M. S. C. in electrical engineering, A. Foster Baird.

Degree of M. S. C. in forestry, Peter G. Cavallini.

Graduating class, degree of B. A., with honors: Charles R. Smith, Latin and Greek, Class 1; Cecil H. Turner, mathematics and mathematical physics, Class 1; Leo C. Kelley, natural science and chemistry, Class 1; Isabel, B. English and French, Class 1; E. H. Salome Townsend, philosophy and economics, Class 1; Arthur P. VanWart, natural science and chemistry, Class 2.

Degree of B. A., first division—Dorothy B. Greene, Ella W. Thurrott; second division—James Raymond Fraser, Jean Margaret Gorman, Whitman A. Haines.

Degree of B. S. C. in Civil Engineering, first division—Austin F. MacDonnell.

Degree of B. S. C. in Electrical Engineering, first division—Jasper A. MacGibbon, Harry C. Moore.

Call On Government To Act In Food Matter

Winnipeg, May 16.—That the federal government should take immediate steps toward mobilizing the food supplies of the dominion and establishing central control, and that the cold storage situation should be rectified by providing government plants and government abattoirs, was the substance of a resolution passed by the city council last night.

WILSON WANTS GRIP AT ONCE ON MATTER OF PRICE OF FOOD

Washington, May 16.—Members of the senate and house agriculture committees today reported to their colleagues that President Wilson is unusually anxious for early passage of legislation to stop speculation in foods and regulate production and distribution. The food situation ranks second only to the army and navy in importance for the war, so the president is anxious to get the matter straightened out as soon as possible for a general peace without annexations or indemnities on the basis of the right of nations to work out their own destinies.

The financial and economic reforms mentioned by the council the government raises no objections regarding it as part of its plan to reorganize the government. The executive committee of the House approved this decision of the government.

MAY WEDDINGS

Moore-Corbet. St. David's Presbyterian church was the scene of an interesting event at five o'clock last evening, when Sergeant Charles Moore, M. C. of the 20th New Brunswick overseas battalion, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Graham Corbet, daughter of George Corbet of this city.

Miss Corbet has been a valued member of the church for many years. She has a host of friends throughout the city whose good wishes will accompany her to the wedding. The ceremony was held at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. McKeigan in the presence of a gathering which filled the church.

THE 177TH BATTALION HAS REACHED ENGLAND

Ottawa, Ont., May 16.—It is officially announced through the War Press Centre that the 177th Battalion, which has arrived safely in England.

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Russian Trouble Has Effect Of Checking Our Drive in West

The demoralization of the Russian army and the consequent withdrawal of German forces from the eastern front are having their effect in France. The heavy reinforcements of men and guns which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been able to throw into the defense of his sorely battered lines have for the time being at least, caused a deadlock which the most furious efforts of the British and French have failed to break.

Hindenberg Able to Throw Many More Troops Into Defence—Anarchy in Russia and Revolution or Republic in Germany Coming?

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COMMENT ON SPEECH OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR

London sees that he is planning for Russia—Refuses to announce War Aims

London, May 16.—Only three or four morning papers comment on the speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag yesterday. The general tenor of the comment is that the chancellor's words have strengthened the flatter Russian idealists without deterring them from their hope of annexation.

It is noted that the German chancellor's declaration of complete agreement with the army chiefs was greeted with special enthusiasm. The Russian revolutionists are in danger of falling into the German trap and it is urged that Great Britain, France and America should send their ablest socialist speakers and thinkers to Russia to help and guide those who are trying to construct the new government.

Amsterdam, May 16, via London.—The Nieuwa Van Der Tag regrets that Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech has not cleared the obscurity in regard to Germany's war aims. It says that the chancellor's words have strengthened his men's hands and must be equivalent to an admission of defeat.

Berlin, May 16.—In the Reichstag today, the chancellor bluntly refused to enter into a discussion of Germany's war aims. He asserted that these called for the government's specific peace programme, the announcement of which at present would not only be premature but would be difficult to formulate, and also of no practical service to the nation in the present situation.

He virtually made a peace offer to Russia, saying that if Russia renounces her aims of conquest, Germany would not prevent a permanent friendship by making impossible demands.

Petrograd, May 16.—Paul N. Milukoff, minister of foreign affairs, has resigned, leaving the cabinet altogether. Mr. Tereschenko, minister of finance, has been appointed foreign minister and A. A. Kerensky, previously minister of justice, has been named minister of war and marine.

OMAR KHAYAM TO BE SLED New York, May 16.—Omar Khayyam, winner of the Kentucky Derby last Saturday and one of the world's foremost three-year-olds, will be sold at auction at Belmont Park in June.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES. National League—Chicago at Boston, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Cincinnati at Brooklyn, cloudy, 8.30 p. m.; St. Louis at New York, cloudy, 8.30 p. m. American League—Philadelphia at Chicago, clear, 8 p. m.; New York at St. Louis, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Washington at Detroit, cloudy, 8.15 p. m.; Boston at Cleveland, clear, 8 p. m. International League—Baltimore at Rochester, cloudy, 8.30 p. m.; Providence at Buffalo, clear, 8.45 p. m.; Richmond at Toronto, cloudy, 8.15 p. m.; Newark at Montreal, clear, 4 p. m.

SIX KILLED IN EXPLOSION. Sautee Ste. Marie, Mich., May 16.—Six men were killed and several others seriously injured in an explosion this forenoon at the end of the Fort Brady pier. Most of the victims were laborers. It is believed dynamite stored under the dock exploded.

THE KILLINGS. It is said in military circles that the 25th New Brunswick Killers Battalion will be detained at Fredericton for some weeks.

SMUTS IS GUEST OF LORDS AND COMMONS

Viscount French Presides at Banquet—Former Boer Leader's Words as to Future

London, May 16 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Lieut. Gen. Smuts, minister of defense for South Africa, and representative of the union at the imperial war conference, was the guest of the House of Lords and the Commons at a banquet in the Royal Gallery. Viscount French presided.

General Smuts said that the spirit of comradeship on the battlefields of Europe would be more powerful than any instrument of government they could create. Our commonwealth would go to pieces if its world-wide communications were not maintained. Germans, during the last three years, had settled everywhere. The day would have come when the empire would have been jeopardized by the cutting of its communications. Now the world outside of Europe had been cleared of the enemy and we were almost providentially brought to the position that we could consider the future problem as a whole.

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WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—The eastern disturbance had backed a little since yesterday and cooler weather prevails in the maritime provinces. Local showers have occurred in Alberta, while in Saskatchewan and Manitoba it has continued fair and clear.

Ottawa Valley—Mostly fair and cool, showers in some localities. Thursday fair.

Rain. Maritime—Presh winds, mostly cloudy and cool today and on Thursday, with local rains.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, warmer on the mainland, moderate west winds, becoming variable.

MONKTON SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS. Moncton, N. B., May 16.—Private Bertram H. Hoey, who has succumbed to wounds, was a son of William Hoey, who of Moncton, a retired L.C.M. engineer. Private Hoey enlisted in 1916.

His father a few months ago lost his leg in an accident in the Moncton yard.

POLES DEMAND A KING. Amsterdam, via London, May 16.—Warsaw telegrams say that the local press is eagerly discussing the question of the accession of a Polish king. They demand that the question be settled as soon as possible, as the state cannot be conducted properly without either king or regent.

The radical press is equally insistent on the declaration of a Polish republic. Berlin and Vienna are reported to be in a deadlock over the subject.

BOY IN COURT. In the juvenile court this morning a thirteen-year-old boy was charged with theft of \$10 from Mrs. Samuel Woods in Paradise