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FIGHTING CONTINUES IN AROUND BULLECOURT

Three Hundred Germans Force Way Into Corner and Are Heavily Punished—French Repulse Further Attacks

London, May 8.—Fighting continued yesterday in and around the village of Bullecourt, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, telegraphing today. A party of 300 Germans who succeeded in forcing their way through the southwest corner of the village were held up and punished heavily.

The British airman had a good day, bringing down seven large German observation balloons, three of them in flames, and considerably restricting the enemy's means of observing our movements. The weather today is mild with a much needed rain falling.

Paris, May 8.—German counter-attacks near Vauxsaillon and along the Chemin des Dames last night were repulsed by the French. The war office so announces. Violent artillery engagements occurred on the Vaucleur plateau and in the region of Craonne.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT London, May 8.—12.20 p.m.—The enemy's artillery was active at intervals throughout the night at several places along our front, particularly in the sector between Fresnoy and Loos, says today's official statement. "Our artillery replied."

"We made successful raids during the night in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Fauquissart. Our position northwest of Armentieres was raided yesterday evening by a small part of the enemy. After hand-to-hand fighting the enemy were driven out leaving a few dead in our trenches. A few of our men are missing. Another enemy raid south of Armentieres was repulsed."

Paris, May 8.—The French official statement in full follows:—Between the Somme and the Oise active fighting occurred. An enemy attack on one of our posts in the night counter-attacks were made east of Vauxsaillon and on the Chemin des Dames, near Le Pantheon and Cerny. All efforts of the Germans were defeated by our fire. Farther east the artillery fighting was checked. During the night counter-attacks were made east of Vauxsaillon and on the Chemin des Dames, near Le Pantheon and Cerny.

"North of the Vaucleur plateau a surprise attack enabled us to capture the main German position and take ninety prisoners. "Northwest of Rheims the Germans made futile efforts to gain a footing in the trenches which we captured yesterday. South of Berry-As-Bac there was a spirited engagement which resulted to our advantage. The number of prisoners we took at this point was 120."

"Northwest of Fresnoy we captured a field fort. A strong German attack northwest of Fresnoy against Cretu-Teton, was repulsed. We took prisoners and inflicted losses on the enemy. Grenade fighting occurred at Vaucour Wood and near Chambrettes."

LATENDORF ARRESTED Americas Take Former Private Secretary of Von Brincken San Francisco, May 8.—Charles Latendorf, former private secretary to Kaiser Wilhelm von Brincken, who was convicted recently of violating American neutrality, was arrested yesterday in California, blueprints of various vessels in California ports and other documents the nature of which was not made known.

TO COMPLETE PROGRAMME FOR HOUSE TONIGHT

Government Will Be In Session This Evening

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Attempt To Kill Kaiser Reported

New York, May 8.—A news agency despatch from Rome published here this forenoon says: Kaiser Wilhelm had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet while he was motoring in Berlin, so a Zurich despatch to the Corriere D'Italia asserted today. An unidentified man fired three shots at the Kaiser's car. Two of them struck the tonneau, the third went wild. He was arrested.

The despatch said the police were silent on the incident.

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LAST DAY OF PUBLIC SHOP TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR IN MANITOBA PROVINCE Winnipeg, May 8.—Liquor commission houses of Winnipeg closed their doors to business last night. Today the "wet" respecting agents for sale of intoxicating liquors in Manitoba came into effect and the last form of public shop traffic in spirituous liquors in Manitoba is ended. The validity of the law in all provinces is tested either by a test case or a stated case.

HARRISON-HAMILTON Ralph Edward Harrison and Miss Ivy Style Hamilton, both of Jerusalem, were united in marriage at 10.30 o'clock this morning, in the presence of a few friends, by Rev. E. H. Niles, at the Victoria street Baptist parsonage, 41 Cedar street. The bride, who was unattended, wore a gown of Copenhagen and the last of white picture hat. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison left on the steamer Chateaufort for Jerusalem where the bridegroom is a prosperous farmer.

WAR IS RUINING THE SMALL GERMAN TRADESMEN Copenhagen, May 8, via London.—Labor and fuel difficulties and the necessity of devoting all possible manhood resources to military requirements, now such as the bakers. The concentration of supplies in the hands of the big-ger and more economical establishments has rendered necessary the consolidation of the smaller businesses. This has been voluntary on the part of the Berlin bakers and compulsory in Hamburg, where the small men refused to follow suggestions to make an agreement with the bigger establishments.

SCHOONER UP RIVER. The Sallee E. Ludlum was the first three-masted schooner to go up river since the opening of navigation this season. She was towed to Fredericton with a cargo of coal by the tug Wasson.

Haig Steadily Is Closing Nippers

MORE ST. JOHN HOMES LEARN OF SOLDIERS IN LIST OF WOUNDED

Harry J. Machum of the E. R. Machum Co., Ltd., has received a telegram from his brother, J. Ralph Machum, containing the brief message that he had been slightly wounded. His address was given as Edinburgh, indicating that he had been sent to a hospital in the Scottish capital. Before enlisting in a sloop battery organized here, he was a member of the staff of the local office of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation. He has many friends throughout the city and further details of his injuries will be awaited anxiously.

After leaving school, Gunner Hayter worked with Manchester, Robertson, Allison Ltd., and at the age of sixteen years joined the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was with them when he came to Canada. His many friends will anxiously await further news regarding his condition.

Mrs. Frank L. Stone, of 271 Germain street, received a telegram this morning informing her that her husband, Pte. F. L. Stone, was admitted to No. 13 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, on April 30, suffering from gunshot wounds. Pte. Stone was killed in action with the 1st Battalion for England and was drafted to another in France. He has a wife and four children.

Mrs. James Lowell, of South Bay, has received a letter from Nursing Sister Cora Archibald, stating that her husband, Pte. Gordon S. Lawson, who was wounded on April 12 in the "Vimy battle," is doing nicely and expected in a few days that he would be sent to England to receive further treatment.

John Gregory O'Neil of Peterborough, has received word that his son, John O'Neil, was killed in action recently. Two brothers of the deceased here are fighting at the front.

Private James William, of Dorchester, a member of the Westmorland and Kent Battalion, has been killed in action.

Mrs. Lavina Atkinson Lewis, of Moncton, has received word that her son, Pte. George Atkinson, had died of wounds received in Vimy Ridge.

MR. BALFOUR BEFORE U. S. SENATE THIS AFTERNOON Washington, May 8.—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign minister, will be received officially by the senate a little after noon today. Mr. Balfour was expected to make a brief address in which he would refer to the German offensive in the west and the capture of the Hindenburg line. He will also refer to the capture of the Hindenburg line and the capture of the Chemin des Dames ridge and break through the German front was a complete failure.

MORE TROOPS SAFELY ACROSS Ottawa, May 8.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: Battalions—141st Rainy River, 153rd Guelph, 174th Winnipeg Highlanders, 176th St. Catharines, 219th Brantford, 220th Toronto, 241st Windsor, 252nd Queen University Highlanders.

Dr. R. C. D. Strathmore Horse, Foot Garry Horse and Mounted Rifles, Field Artillery from London, Guelph, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Woodstock. Heavy and siege artillery, machine gunners, signallers, medical corps, Newfoundlanders, details.

STILL TALK OF NEW GERMAN PEACE TERMS Copenhagen, May 7, via London.—There is still talk in Berlin, according to advices received here, that Germany will make new peace proposals this week. There is no definite basis apparent for the rumors, though the conviction of the Bundesrat committee on foreign affairs perhaps may be confirmatory of them.

Bread Dearer in London London, May 8.—The price of bread in London today was boosted to ten cents for twenty-four ounce loaves and seven cents for the small size. The advance is due to local bakers to the big jump in flour prices.

GALLANT SOLDIER WHO GAVE HIS LIFE

Pte. William S. Gray, aged 21 years, of St. John, killed at Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1915.

BRITAIN ASSURES SALT SUPPLY FOR NEWFOUNDLAND St. John's, Nfld., May 8.—Efforts made by the Newfoundland government to provide against a threatened shortage in the supply of salt for the province this year and with an adequate amount to start next year's operations.

MURDER CHARGES DROPPED Seattle, Wash., May 8.—Charges of murder against twenty of seventy-two men accused of first degree murder in connection with a gun fight in Everett, Wash., in last November, when a board of Industrial Workers of the World on a free speech expedition, attempted the murder of a deputy sheriff. Officials said other dismissals were expected soon.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES National League—Brooklyn at Boston, cloudy, 3.15 p.m.; Philadelphia at New York, cloudy, 3.30 p.m.; St. Louis at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 3.45 p.m. No other games scheduled.

American League—New York at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3.30 p.m.; Cleveland at Detroit (2), clear, 1.45 p.m. and 3.45 p.m.; Chicago at St. Louis (2) clear, 1.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.; Boston at Washington (2), cloudy, first game 2 p.m.

International League—Providence at Toronto, clear, 8.15 p.m.; Richmond at Rochester (today's game played May 7). Other clubs not scheduled.

Y.M.C.I. OFFICERS At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.I. last evening the officers were elected for the ensuing year. The officers of last year were re-elected, as follows:—John Keeffe, president; Judge H. G. McInerney, vice-president; T. M. Burns, secretary, and Thomas Nagle, treasurer. The two new members of the board, acting for three years, are C. A. Owens and John A. Barry.

T. M. Burns, who has been acting as secretary of the board of directors, tendered his resignation. Owing to pressure of business Mr. Burns could not find the time to give to the position. As secretary of action has been taken by the directors.

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

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Rolling Up Part Of German Defenses Matter Of Days

ENEMY IMPRESSED BY MENAGE Whole Position in Northern France Impelled—Doctoring the News to Deceive People at Home—Kaiser Changes Tone in Latest of Congratulatory Telegrams

The great human nippers which General Haig has forged along the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German defenses appears to be a matter of few days. The Drocourt-Queant line is a hastily improvised barrier, thrown up by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to protect Cambrai and Douai, the more famous line, named in honor of himself, and which had been smashed by the British.

The bitter resistance offered by the Germans to the British advance has centered in their defense of Bullecourt, two and a half miles west of Queant. To the south the British have forged well beyond Queant, but have been forced to mark time until Bullecourt falls. The capture of the village was entrusted to the Australians and these hard-fighting colonialists have almost surrounded the German stronghold, so that its surrender or destruction is expected momentarily.

Whole German Position Threatened. The Drocourt-Queant line forms a broad salient in the British front, eighteen miles at its top and paralleling the Douai-Cambrai line. Drocourt is seven miles from Douai, and Queant about ten miles from Cambrai. The crushing in of this salient will mean that the German grip on the great Lens coal region will be broken and the entire German line in northern France imperilled.

There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the strategic sledge hammer blow of the British and French beneath which their choicest troops are being steadily driven from position after position. News from the western front is not merely being suppressed in Berlin, but is being doctored by the German Emperor, in the latest of his congratulatory telegrams, speaks of "serious and decisive lines" instead of exulting over victories, real or imaginary.

Apart from France the only fight of significance reported from the war theater is taking place in Macedonia. The reports from that front are meagre, but they indicate an increasing activity which may presage a general offensive by the Allies.

SAMPLES OF THE "DOCTORED" NEWS Copenhagen, May 8, via London.—The German version of the French official war report of last Saturday suppresses entirely the reference to the capture of a position of the Hindenburg line southeast of Vauxsaillon. Other evidence of the doctored allied official reports to make them agree with claims in the German official statements indicates the anxiety of the German authorities as to the effect of the news from the western front upon public opinion.

A supplementary report supplied to the Monday morning papers through the German official news bureau ignores all French successes except the capture of Winterburg Hill, and is written in such a strain as to evoke headlines like "French defeated on Aisne in Gigantic onslaught." This report asserts that almost all French initial successes were lost through German counter-attacks and that the French attempt to storm and capture the Chemin des Dames ridge and break through the German front was a complete failure.

LITTLE ONE KILLED BY BROTHER IN PLAY

The story of a shocking tragedy comes from West Sackville. On Saturday afternoon, at the home of Seth Campbell, his eleven-year-old son, Otis, and his baby sister, Minnie, less than three years old, were left playing in the kitchen while Mrs. Campbell went out into the yard. The little boy sighted behind the pantry door a rifle, which was used by the men for rabbit shooting. Usually it was unloaded before being placed there, but on this occasion the unloading was forgotten. Obtaining the rifle the little fellow pointed it at his little sister and suddenly "bang" went the rifle and the bullet struck the little girl above the forehead, passing across the brain and lodging in the back of the skull. It was a twenty-two calibre rifle. Although the bullet was small it proved deadly, the little one dying on Sunday.

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