

GERMAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE TO-DAY ON TWO FRONTS Heavy Firing on Villers Sector and Near Merris

German Attack on Thennes Sector Repulsed by French Troops; Successful Raids Made by Latter on Le Monchel and West of Coucy Le Chateau

By Courier Leased Wire— London, May 2nd—The German artillery became active this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector on the Amiens front, and in the neighborhood of Merris, on the Flanders front, it is announced officially.

The text of the statement reads: "The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity early this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector and in the neighborhood of Merris. Some activity was shown also during the night in the Arras, Lens and St. Venant sectors. No infantry activity is reported."

Paris, May 2.—A German attack last night on the Thennes sector failed, the French war office announced this afternoon. French troops made raids on Le Monchel and west of Coucy le Chateau.

The statement follows: "North of the Ayré a German attack on French positions in the region of Thennes was broken up by the French fire.

"Other German efforts, north of Chavigngon and northwest of Rheims gained no greater success.

"The French carried out a number of raids, especially near Le Monchel, west of Coucy-le-Chateau and north of Pont-a-Mousson and brought back 20 prisoners.

"On the remainder of the front the night passed in quiet."

RADA PROTESTS.

Zurich, May 1.—General von Eichhorn, commander of the German forces in the Ukraine, says a telegram from Kiev, has ordered the peasantry to return all property and effects taken from the landholders and to begin as quickly as possible cultivation of the great estates. The order, which protects the interests of the landholders, who are mostly Poles and Russians, is opposed vigorously by the Ukrainian Rada, which has adopted a resolution declaring it will not permit interference with the German, Austrian or Hungarian commanders in the political, social or economic life of the Ukraine and that von Eichhorn's intervention will result only in disorganization, rendering impossible consummation of the terms of the economic treaty between the Ukraine and the Central powers.

BRITISH MISSION TO BRAZIL

Arrival of One Headed by Sir Maurice de Bunsen is Looked for IS EXPECTED SOON

Rio Janeiro, Wednesday, May 1.—The foreign office has been informed by the British ambassador that the arrival may be expected shortly of a British mission to Brazil under Sir Maurice de Bunsen.

Sir Maurice has been for many years in the British diplomatic service. He was ambassador at Vienna when the European war broke out. Previously he had been minister at Portugal and ambassador to Spain.

ABANDON BOTH CONSCRIPTION AND HOME RULE

Government Still Hesitates to Enforce Military Service in Ireland MAY ABANDON PLAN Home Rule Bill Deferred; Will Not be Introduced Next Week SITUATION IS GRAVE

London, May 2.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, and government spokesman, declared in the House of Commons Wednesday that he could not say when an Irish Home Rule Bill would be introduced. This, according to some lobby correspondents of the morning newspapers covers the fact that the introduction of the bill has been deferred and hope of its presentation next week has now been abandoned.

The Daily News says the government has met with serious difficulties in its Irish policy and cannot find a successor to Baron Wilborne, who has resigned the lord lieutenantship, while the committee appointed to draft a bill up to this time has settled virtually nothing except the preamble. Its deliberations, it is added, are held up on the issue of giving the veto to Ulster and also in considering past ministerial promises to Ulster. The only way out of the difficulties is, in the opinion of responsible labor members of the House of Commons, that the government temporarily abandon both conscription and home rule. It is not probable, adds The Daily News, that this course will be adopted in the near future.

A slight delay is thrown on the difficulties involved by the meeting Wednesday of between 50 and 60 peers and members of the House of Commons, both Unionist and Liberal, who accepted an invitation of the Navy League to discuss what the imperial authorities ought to retain in the event of the passing of a home rule bill. The meeting appointed delegates to urge upon the committee drafting the bill, that the imperial authorities ought to retain full control of Irish harbors and ports, probably also railroads.

It is reported in political circles that the more extreme elements of the Unionist party have stiffened lately against any form of home rule, and a letter just written by Sir Edward Carson to the secretary of the southern Unionist committee in Ireland suggest the rumors are well founded. Sir Edward says in part:

"In the present condition of Ireland, it seems to me little short of insanity for any government to reopen the question of Home Rule. This, indeed is statesmanship manufactured out of panic and fear on broken pledges in breach of trust. If we have to go down, let us do so with the flag flying and not in alliance with those whose object is to gain a vantage ground for enforcing further separation policies."

UNIONISTS SPLIT. Dublin, May 15.—The Southern Unionist committee to which Sir Edward Carson has written a letter saying the question of home rule should not be re-opened in the present condition of Ireland, has organized a large body of Unionists outside Ulster in opposition to the compromise accepted by the Unionists at their convention. The adherents include landowners, professional men and several ex-judges. But few business men. They number about 11,000 and may present a serious obstacle to the settlement of the home rule question.

Accepts Position

Word was received in the city this afternoon that Major E. Sweet, who went overseas as second in command of the 215th battalion, and who was expected home in a short time, has accepted an important position under Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, and will remain in England.

Don't forget Captain Carille's lecture to-night in Victoria Hall. Go early—no admission fee.

COCKCHAFERS PUNISHED ON FLEMISH HILL

Enemy Sustained Heavy Losses in Unsuccessful Attacks on Monday TROOPS MOWED DOWN Were Not Able to Come to Hand-to-Hand Grips With Allies

BRITISH TRIUMPHANT

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 2.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—Correspondents at the British front in France send further details of the Germans' unsuccessful attack on the Flemish hills on Monday, when the Kaiser's beloved cockchafers were soundly punished. The third guard division, of which they were a unit, was thrown into the battle west of Vierstraet and attacked the junction of the British and French. They did not succeed in approaching close enough for our men to use the bayonet, and all the cockchafers taken were dead ones. Nowhere on the British front did the Germans succeed in coming to grips, save at Voornezele and the ridge wood, but they were often slaughtered before the Englishmen, who, standing with fixed bayonets, and could only be kept back with difficulty, could reach them.

The British troops were highly elated with the results of the fighting and when they knew they had some of the Kaiser's best men against them, they were all the more pleased. Inspiring words are given of the attack on the night of April 11 and 14. After the Germans had broken through the Portuguese lines, the grenadiers, Irish and Coldstream Guards were sent forward when the situation was at its worst and asked to hold back the enemy until reinforcements could arrive and fight at all costs for 48 hours against the German tide of men and guns, which was attempting to flood around our other hard-pressed men.

The guards did this. Fighting as separate bodies with the enemy on both flanks and greatly outnumbered, they beat back attack after attack and gained precious hours by the noblest self-sacrifice. For two days and nights, the guards stamied the enemy advance, parties standing back to back and firing on all sides, until only isolated soldiers were left, but not until the Australian soldiers arrived according to time table.

Allies Can Hold. London, May 2.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The Daily Mail says the fact that Amiens and Ypres are still unbroken after six weeks of unprecedented enemy effort, proves the ability of the Allies to hold the Germans until the American army, whose advent the enemy dreads, can play its part.

HONOR FOR BRANTFORD OFFICER

By Courier Leased Wire Kingston, Ont., May 2.—Major B. T. Dickson, an arts graduate of Queen's in 1915, has been awarded the Ordre de Reconnaissance Francaise by the French Government for the good work he has accomplished in reclaiming agricultural land and re-developing it for the Dominion. He reclaimed 50,000 acres of land, but unfortunately part of this has again passed into the enemy's hands. Mrs. Dickson, who is also a graduate of Queen's, is at present in Brantford, Ont.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, May 2.—Rains occurred over Quebec and the Maritime Provinces yesterday, but the weather here is now fair in all portions of the Dominion. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh south to west winds, fair to windy and on Friday with high temperature.

FIGHT WITH ALLIES.

By Courier Leased Wire Fighting for democracy and for freedom of their home land, Bohemian and Slav detachments are now facing Austro-Hungarian troops along the sectors in northern Italy. Apparently these units have been recruited from former residents of the dual monarchy and from deserters from the enemy ranks. Austro-Hungarian commanders, who have many thousands of Czechs and Slovaks in their units are said to be fearful of the effect this move may have on their own troops. This and the fact that the Czechs at Prague and elsewhere and the Slovaks in Carinola and southward have been openly hostile to the Austrian Government, may explain why the enemy offensive against Italy has been delayed. Berlin has heralded and urged an offensive, but Austro-Hungarian attacks have not yet developed.

RUMANIAN KING TO BE DETHRONED

Removal of Count Czernin Will Aid Teutons in This Plan TO CHOOSE HUN RULER

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 2.—The Teutonic powers, the correspondent of The Daily Mail at Annemasse, France, claims to have learned on reliable information, have decided to dethrone King Ferdinand of Roumania and to install a ruler of their own choice. He says that Germany some time ago tried to get Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to consent to such an action and that his removal from office has made an agreement possible.

BUDGET EMPHASIZES CANADA'S PART IN WAR

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 2.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The Times says that the budget, presented in the Canadian House of Commons on Tuesday shows in a most remarkable way, both the financial burden which the Dominion is bearing and the resiliency of her trade and industries despite it. "The effect of the budget," it says, "is to give a concise impression of the great and increasing importance of Canada's share in the war. It reaches us at the same moment as Hon. N. W. Rowell's vigorous reaffirmation that the Canadian Government is determined to fulfill to the utmost its pledge that the Canadian forces in Europe shall not suffer for want of reinforcements."

FRENCH SEAMEN DID HEROIC RESCUE WORK

Saves Lives of Many Passengers Aboard Steamer "City of Athens," Sunk in Collision With Cruiser —Stories Told by Survivors

By Courier Leased Wire An Atlantic Port, May 2.—Survivors of the coastwise steamer City of Athens, which was sunk in a collision with a French cruiser in a fog off the Delaware coast yesterday morning with a loss of 66 persons, related here to-day many tales of heroism on the part of the crews of the two vessels. All praised the efforts of the French sailors, especially, who launched small boats within a few minutes after the accident, and aided by the cruisers searchlights picked up many survivors from pieces of wreckage. The survivors agreed that the speedy sinking of the steamer—within five minutes after being rammed by the warship—was responsible for the heavy toll of life, although some claimed that the City of Athens life-saving apparatus failed to work properly. There were 125 persons, including 24 United States marines, on board the steamer, which was bound from New York for Savannah with a \$2,000,000 cargo of cement, rope, food stuffs, and general merchandise on board.

Mrs. Florence Harrison, wife of a New York real estate agent, whose father, Winchell L. Fickhead, is President of Mercer University, Mecon, Ga., told to-day how her life and that of her two year old boy and others was saved through the bravery of a negro seaman of the City of Athens. Awakened from her sleep, Mrs. Harrison barely had time to put a coat over her night dress and hurry to the deck with her child. "I saw a lifeboat," she said, "but nobody was paying any attention to it, except a United States marine, who

WHADDA YA MEAN?

Cheer up, fellow citizens, there is hope for this secluded rustic town, which may yet develop into a thriving metropolis such as we read about. Says The Toronto Telegram of Monday last:

"Hope is expressed that some day Brantford will have a moving picture house, also electricity and sewers."

Where do we go from here, boys? A first guess would be that a passing visitor had glimpsed the City Hall, and derived from it an opinion as to the calibre of the burg. Or, again, the trite and time-worn "typographical error" maybe Brantford was meant. For a moving picture house in the Telephone City—perish the thought! And sewers and electricity? Who! There ought to be a law against such iniquity. Wait till we tell the Mayor!

PEACE OFFENSIVE IS NEAR RENEWAL

Best Indication of Enemy Defeat in Northern Flanders Battle

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 2.—The best indication of the enemy defeat in northern Flanders is contained in the evident imminence of a renewal of the peace offensive. This the German papers state that the Pope is about to issue a new peace note, while the German peace agents are busy in neutral countries, and little doubt is entertained that the visit of the Austrian prime minister, Euryll, to the Kaiser is in connection with such a move. Articles in the Scandinavian press suggest that Italy may be the main objective of the enemy attempts to divide the Allies.

Meanwhile the troubles of the Austrian Empire are apparently coming to a head. The cabinet crisis both in Austria and Hungary is still unsettled. The Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna, denounces Hungary for starving Austria, and declares that the imports from the Ukraine are still remote and empty stomachs cannot afford to wait. Czechoslovak troops, who are Austrian subjects have appeared, according to the Italian papers, on the Italian front fighting for Italy. Their arrival has disquieted the Austro-Hungarian leaders, who fear their effect on the Slav troops. Recently some of these men persuaded a number of Austrian Czechs to desert, which the Italian barrage

SELL MACARONI ONLY IN POUND PACKAGES

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, May 2.—On and after August 1, 1918, manufacturers licensed by the Canadian food board to sell macaroni and other alimentary pastes in Canada will not be permitted to manufacture such pastes for sale in packages of less weight than 16 ounces net.

Apparently the public has not been discriminating as to the weight of the contents of these packages, but many complaints have been received that there is a wide divergence in the selling prices of packages of macaroni of apparently the same size. It has been found that the net contents of packages of alimentary pastes, as offered for sale, range from six to 16 ounces.

BARON GOTO AFFIRMED THE LOYALTY OF JAPAN

Statement of Newly Appointed Foreign Minister Eminently Satisfactory to Allies — Dispels Alarmist Rumors

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 2.—"Baron Goto's statement is eminently satisfactory to the Allies," says The Times in commenting on the interview given by the new Japanese Foreign Minister to the Associated Press, in which he spoke of Japan's loyalty to her Allies and asserted there would be no change in the foreign policy of the country.

"It answers effectively the malicious slanders which Germany invents and circulated in the Far East and other parts of the world. "Baron Goto indignantly contradicts the latest of these lying rumors which insinuate that his advent to office would be followed by a change in Japan's attitude. Japan is pledged to stand with the Allies until they win victory, and she will keep her word.



"Zimmie"

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