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GREAT WORK OF BRITISH AVIATORS.

London, May 4—The British official communication dealing with aviation issued last night says—"A thick haze Thursday interfered with the work of our airplanes. Three and a half tons of bombs were dropped on Bapaume and other targets in the battle areas. At times the fighting in the air was severe. Fourteen hostile machines were downed and four were driven down out of control. Five of

ours are missing—During the night five and a half tons of bombs were dropped on Chalnes, Juniville the railway junction at Bapaume and Caix. Three very large bombs were dropped from a low height on the lock gates at Zeebrugge. Another most successful raid was carried out against the Railway station and sidings at Thionville. The Carlshutte works again were hit and several bursts were seen on the station sidings and Gas works.

PTE. ARCHIE FRASER ILL WITH SCARLET FEVER IN EDINBURGH.

Pte. Archie Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Truro, is ill with scarlet fever in The General Hospital, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Pte. Archie Fraser enlisted and went over seas with the band of the 85th, regiment, while on a furlough in Scotland, with his comrade Pte. Raymond Geddes, Pte. Fraser was stricken with Scarlet fever.

Pte. Geddes, wrote to Mr. Fraser here, telling him of his sons illness. Now comes the word that Pte. Geddes is laid low with wounds.

HUNS GETTING FINE DOSES OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE.

Paris, April—The evolution of the use of gas shells has taken surprising form in the present battle. One new method is to fire heavy slowly dispersing gases along charted lanes against the enemy, filling in the alternative spaces with quickly dissipating position fumes. Storming attacks are then made by troops who charge when a sufficient interval of time has been given for the light gases to rise.

The British gunners at one part of the line threw shells charged simply with a stinking composition. The Germans after a few hours discovered that this was non-poisonous and began laying aside their masks. After these shells had been fired for another twelve hours there was a sudden change to poison gases. About 2000 Germans were caught without their masks and suffocated.

LIES LOOKING WITH CONFIDENCE FOR NEXT GERMAN DRIVE.

With the British army in France May 4—Undoubtedly the enemy has not yet had time to prepare for a further offensive, but it is apparent they are getting ready as fast as possible. This was another fine day and trouble was brewing both in Flanders and south of the Somme. The allied troops are in magnificent spirits and are looking forward to a renewal of the struggle with confidence.

There was no break in the lull this morning, but there was plenty of artillery activity at various points and the usual raids and outpost actions continues. The Germans, however, were still withholding their hand as far as a big attack was concerned.

GERMAN STEAMER IN FORBIDDEN WATERS.

Amsterdam May 4—The German Steamer Magdalene Fischer, which carries gravel from Antwerp to Zeebrugge, passed flushing on Friday from Zeebrugge to Antwerp. This, adds the correspondent, has caused surprise, as an order was issued on April 26 forbidding navigation in the mouths of the Scheldt river.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL STAND OR FALL ON GENERAL MAURICE CHARGES.

London, May 8. The government has decided to treat Mr. Asquith's motion on the General Maurice affair as a vote of censure and has issued a call to its supporters to attend the House of Commons, Thursday, for a division. This is taken to imply that the proposed inquiry, whether by Judges or a parliamentary committee, has been abandoned and that the matter has been left entirely to the judgment of the House.

FLAGS AT HALF-MAST.

Queenstown, May 8. The Third anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania, many of the victims, of which are buried in the little church yard near the town, was commemorated yesterday. The flags of the American consulate, the Cunard offices and many other buildings were flown at half mast.

GREAT AMERICAN FLYER MISSING.

With the American Army in France, May 8.

In a mid-day flight, Normal Hall, author, and one of the best known aviators in the American or allied armies is missing after a thrilling battle ten miles inside Germany lines, opposite the Toul sector. The fight was between three American planes and four German machines, which apparently belonged to the "Flying circus". Two German machines also went to earth during the battle in a crippled condition. Captain Hall's home is in Colfax, Iowa.

S. S. MEDORA SUNK.

Montreal, May 8.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's information as to the destruction of the steamer Medora is that she was sunk while outward bound from a European port with passengers; some of whom were probably returning soldiers. The vessel was carrying passengers and crew were reported saved.

GREAT UNREST IN AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

Stockholm, May 8.

The Politiken today publishes an interview with "A person in an important position, who has just traveled thru the lands of the central powers, where he came in contact with a large number of influential persons from different classes of political parties and professions, including Russians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Poles, Rumanians, Czechs, and Hungarians. In the interview this person gives a very dark picture of conditions in the dual monarchy. He declares that Austria especially is in a bad situation. Famine conditions prevail and general discontent was never so great, he says. "The different nationalities regard each other like hungry wolves," the interview continues. The information declares that the labor unrest is most acute, especially in Vienna and Prague.

AMERICAN CARGOES DEFY SUBMARINES.

Berne, May 8.

P. A. Stoval, the American minister to Switzerland, has notified the Swiss government that shipments of American grain for Switzerland are to continue, even within the next three months, a period of delay Germany declared to be necessary for the communication of orders to German submarines, concerning the future safe conduct of grain ships with cargoes for Switzerland land.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRING.

Paris, May 8. Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on both sides of the Aisne river, southeast of Amiens, the war office announces.

BRITISH ADVANCE A BIT.

London, May 8. Successful minor operations last night resulted in the advance of the British lines a short distance in the Amiens sector, between the Somme and Ancre rivers, the war office announced today.

BIG Y. M. C. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ONTARIO.

Toronto, May 8. Incomplete reports from the province

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of Ontario, which were compiled at the general headquarters of the Y. M. C. A., in the campaign to raise \$2,250,000 last night gave results at the end of the first day to \$461,857 or well over a third of the objective for the province.

LOYD GEORGE WILL GIVE FIGURES AND FACTS.

London, May 8.

As a consequence of the political situation brought about by General Maurice's letter to the press, Premier Lloyd George, according to the lobby correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, considers it unavoidable to disclose facts which have been withheld up to this time for military reasons. The Premier, it is added, intends to give facts and figures, when he speaks of the Asquith motion of Thursday.

INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY.

London, May 8.

Increased activity was developed by the hostile artillery early this morning on the Flanders battle front between Meteren and Kemmel. The text of the statement reads—"As the result of successful minor operations carried out last night our line between the Somme and Ancre rivers has been advanced a short distance in three localities. We captured several prisoners. The hostile artillery has been active during the night between Locon and Rebecq and in the neighborhood of Ste. Julien. Early this morning the enemy's artillery developed increased activity in the Meteren-Kemmel sectors.

HUNS CONSTRUCTING MORE LONG RANGE GUNS.

London, May 4—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:—A frontier correspondent asserts that the Germans are constructing long range guns of the type used in the bombardment of Paris, at Seraing, five miles south West of Liege, in Belgium, and that they have requisitioned the Cockerill works for the purpose. The despatch says that all the workmen in the factory have refused to work and will be deported this month.

265 TRAINS OF WOUNDED GERMANS.

Amsterdam May 4—Two hundred and sixty five trains, full of wounded soldiers returning to Germany from the battle fronts in Picardy and Flanders, says the newspaper, Les Nouvelles of the Hague, were counted in the day time on April 11, and April 12 on the Namur-Liege railway. The transports were so crowded that the Germans were even using open coal cars to carry the wounded. Hospitals, Convents, Schools and factories in Belgium, the paper adds, are all packed with wounded.

BIG HELP FOR WAR FROM EGYPT.

London, May 4—The Government has partially accepted the offer of Egypt to immediately contribute three million pounds towards war expenditures, and also to provide a further half million in the new budget.

ALSATIAN BOYS SENT TO THE FRONT.

Geneva, May 4—The German military authorities are sending direct to the front lines all youths from the Reserve Depot in Alsace-Lorraine, according to an Alsatian chemist, who has just arrived here from Mulhausen. The chemist already has lost four sons, the latest, aged eighteen, having been killed at Loere, in the Flanders battle. "The Germans are employing their last reserves," said the Alsatian. "Especially the soldiers from Alsace-Lorraine. It is the German manner of settling the question of the two provinces. If a referendum is taken, after the war, only a few Alsatian electors will be left."

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