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Italians Take 1250 More Men BRITISH Gain Ground FRENCH Repel Attacks Germans Declare Murderous War on Hospital Ships

FRENCH BETAIN STRONG POINTS IN AISNE AREA

Germans Suffer Heavy Check in Region of Moulin de Laffaux.

KEEP ENLARGING GAIN Ally's Troops Win Important Advantages on Chemin-des-Dames.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. Grand Headquarters of the French Army, May 27 (afternoon).—German troops made another effort this morning in the direction of the Chemin-des-Dames, in the vicinity of the Moulin-de-Laffaux, the loss of which would be a serious blow to the French, however, but into the position so hard that the Germans were unable to shake them off anywhere, despite the fury of their assault.

FRENCH REPEL ENEMY IN CHAMPAGNE FIGHT

Germans Make Three Violent Attacks Against Commanding Peaks—Ally Repel Every Attempt of Fo—Fierce Action About Laffaux Mill.

Paris, May 27.—The Germans in Champagne today penetrated the French line during three heavy attacks, but later lost the ground gained in a counter-attack by the French troops, according to the official communication issued this evening by the war office. The communication says: "In Champagne, after a violent bombardment, enemy troops this morning threw forward two attacks, one on Teton and the other to the east of Teton. At first he succeeded in penetrating our line. Our counter-attack, however, enabled us to recapture the whole of the lost ground. In the afternoon a third attack, preceded by strong artillery preparation was started, but the enemy was thrown back immediately. Considerable artillery activity prevailed in Champagne. The day was comparatively quiet on the rest of the front."

BRITISH SEIZE GROUND IN TWO LOCAL ATTACKS

Make Progress About Village of Fontaine-Les-Croisilles—Heavy Air Fighting Proceeds With Success of Royal Flying Corps.

London, May 27.—The British official communication this evening says: "During the afternoon we gained further ground by a local attack in the neighborhood of Fontaine-Les-Croisilles. We secured a few prisoners in the course of patrol encounters early this morning near the Cojeul River. "Three German airplanes were brought down in the fighting yesterday, and eight others were driven down out of control. Four of our airplanes are missing."

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK LOSS OF LIFE IS HEAVY

C. de Eizaguirre Broken in Two by Explosion and Thirty-eight Passengers, Including Spanish Minister at Colombo, and Forty Sailors Are Missing.

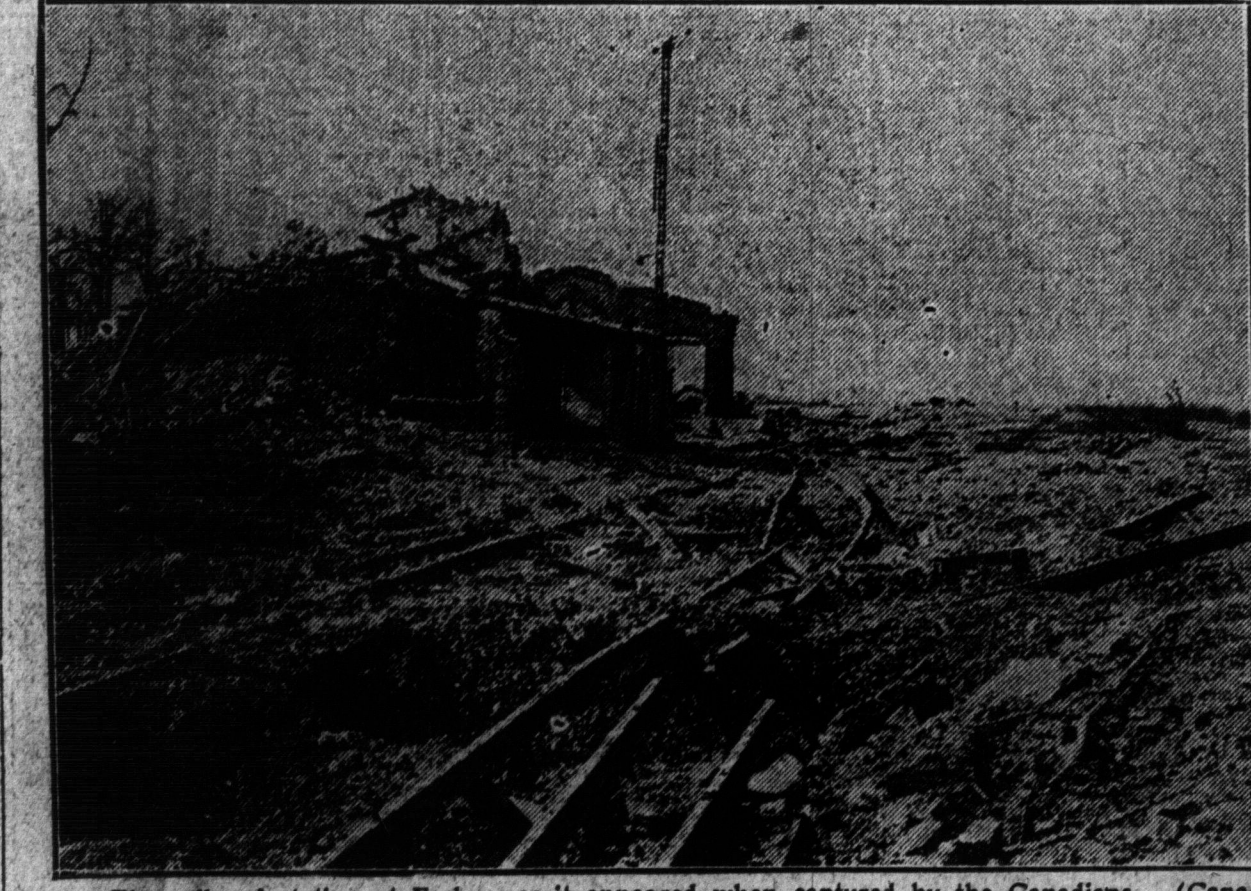
London, May 27.—Thirty-eight passengers and 40 members of the crew of the Spanish steamer C. de Eizaguirre are reported to have perished as a result of the sinking of the steamer. A despatch received by Reuter's Telegram Company, the date and contents of which has not been made public, reports the loss of the C. de Eizaguirre. The despatch says that, according to the second officer, the steamer sank in five minutes. He was awakened by a great noise and rushed to the deck and tried to get passengers into his boat, but the boat was swept away and almost simultaneously the steamer broke in two. He saw no other boats afloat except that in which he and the other survivors made their escape from the steamer. Those in the boat had a miraculous escape, rowing for many hours in heavy seas during foul weather. They were rescued by the steamer of the Atlantic and were compelled to eat raw fish and seal blubber. Among the 48 missing is the Spanish minister at Colombo, Peru.

Twenty-Two Survivors. An official communication was issued this evening concerning the sinking of the Spanish steamer, C. de Eizaguirre. It likewise omits the point of origin of the information, which was filed Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The statement says: "The Spanish mail steamer C. de Eizaguirre, containing her second officer, an apprentice, 18 members of the crew and two passengers, was a vessel of 3,437 tons gross, owned by the Cia Transatlantica, of Barcelona. The C. de Eizaguirre was last reported as having left Barcelona in April for Manila by way of Cape Town."

The Spanish steamer C. de Eizaguirre, a vessel of 3,437 tons gross, owned by the Cia Transatlantica, of Barcelona. The C. de Eizaguirre was last reported as having left Barcelona in April for Manila by way of Cape Town. A Madrid despatch via Paris says: Marquis Prieto, the Spanish premier, today announced that the Spanish steamship Begona had been sunk. The Begona was a vessel of 2,682 tons gross, and was built at Middlesbrough in 1896. She was 305 feet long and had a beam of 42 feet. She was owned in Bilbao.

SIX SWEDISH VESSELS SUNK IN BALTIC SEA Three Others Have Been Captured and Taken to German Port. London, May 27.—Six Swedish steamers have been sunk while on voyages from Sweden to Finland in the Baltic Sea, says a Reuter despatch to Stockholm. The steamers are the Kyros, Pauline, Kjell, Theresa, Olga and Erik. The Swedish steamers Lessa, Gotha and Marta, the despatch adds, have been captured and taken into Swindemur, Germany.

WILL CONFER TODAY ON CONTROL OF FOOD Winnipeg Grain Men Arrive at Ottawa on Foster's Invitation. Ottawa, May 27.—A strong delegation of Winnipeg grainmen arrived in the capital today, at the invitation of Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, whom they will meet tomorrow morning. It is understood that the question to be discussed is food control and prices, and no doubt the forthcoming appointment of a food administrator will be considered and the views of the delegation sought.



The railroad station at Farbus, as it appeared when captured by the Canadians. (Canadian official photograph.)

ITALIANS SMASH AUSTRIANS ALONG RAILWAY TO DUINO

Enemy Also Loses Heights at Head of Palliova Valley, North of Plava—King Humbert's Troops Take Over Twelve Hundred Prisoners.

Rome, May 27.—Italian troops yesterday smashed thru the Austro-Hungarian positions between Jamiano and the Gulf of Trieste, passing the Monfalcone-Duino Railway northeast of San Giovanni and establishing themselves within a few hundred yards of the village of Medeazza. North of Plava, the Italians carried the heights at the head of the Palliova valley, thus joining their Mont Gucco lines with those on Hill 363. Eleven guns were captured and more than 1200 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoners. These victories were announced today by the Italian war department. "The text of the statement reads: "During the fourth day of the furious battle on the Carso the positions held by the Austrians at the head of the valley were extended by the untiring efforts of our troops. The positions already captured in the other sectors were firmly maintained."

TORNADOES LEAVE DEATH AND HAVOC

More Than One Hundred Persons Killed in Illinois and Kansas.

MATTOON IS WRECKED

Town May Have Death List of Seventy—Thousands Homeless.

Chicago, May 27.—Spring tornadoes caused the deaths of more than one hundred persons in the central west in the past 48 hours, the injury of several hundred more, and property damage which cannot be estimated because of serious loss in growing food crops. Mattoon, Ill., was the heaviest sufferer in the storms, from fifty to seventy persons being killed there late yesterday. This was more than twice as many as were killed in Kansas on Friday. The storm yesterday wrecked the northern half of Mattoon, including nearly all the business section, and rendered 2000 persons homeless. While the principal point of force of the storm struck at Mattoon, other sections of Illinois were visited by violent tornadoes, which left death and destruction as they twisted thru a rich farming territory.

TYPHUS SERUM FROM GOATS.

Amsterdam, via London, May 27.—A despatch from Constantinople to a news agency here says Dr. Vervet Ka-mil, bacteriologist, and chief surgeon of the Red Cross hospital in Sivas, claims to have secured satisfactory results with a typhus serum obtained from goats.

ELECTION MAY FOLLOW SHAKE-UP IN MINISTRY

Ottawa, May 27.—Gossip and still more gossip about cabinet reconstruction and national government continues to be the order of the day. It was stated tonight, however, on high authority that Sir Robert Borden is busy on the reconstruction work himself, but is neither seeking nor receiving advice from his colleagues. A prominent member of parliament, in close personal touch with Sir Robert, is authority for the statement that the reconstruction does not involve coalition. This gentleman said that a cabinet reconstruction is coming as a preliminary to a general election, but that it would be a party cabinet. He laughed at the idea of a Liberal M. P.'s being offered portfolios, and said that the government would carry reconstruction thru the house by at least twenty-five majority. He added, however, that a cabinet position might be offered to some Liberal who had been a Liberal up to 1911, but had consistently supported the government during the war.

More Canadians Decorated.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, May 27.—The following Canadians have been gassed infantry, except otherwise stated: Flying officers—Capt. W. I. Bailey, Lieut. A. C. Lee, Lieut. W. A. Campbell. Military Cross—Lieuts. Wilfred Fobert, Barnes William, Avery Bishop (Cavalry) and Flying Corp., John Adams Bruce (Artillery), Vincent McCarter Eastwood, George Raymond Foley, Donald Marlon McKee, Alan Fairlie Neathy, Fenley Smith (Mounted Rifles), Leslie, W. Tubman, George Barton Wetmore (Artillery). Military Medal—(Infantry private except otherwise stated)—Ernest Stevenson Anderson (Engineers); William Bateman (Medical); George Herbert Burns, Sergt. William J. Cross, Sergt. Napoleon Dagnas, Sapper Thomas Alfred Dale (Engineers); Sapper John Gilm (Engineers); Alexander MacMaster, Co. Sergt.-Major George Fairbairne Palmer, Alfred Quillon (Mounted Rifles); Lance-Corp. Thomas Midgley Lawless (Army Service); Sergt. Middleton Ternary, Sergt. Walter Anderson Ternary, Sergt. Claude Dross Wingard (Artillery).

HUNS RUTHLESS IN ATTEMPT TO HOSPITAL SHIPS

New Campaign of Frightfulness in "Barred Zone" Announced By Berlin.

IMMUNITY FOR FEW Germany Would Regulate Red Cross Sailings From Salonica to Gibraltar.

London, May 27.—The intention of the German Government to sink all entire hospital ships in the entire "barred zone," with the exception of certain ships from Salonica to Gibraltar, is officially announced in Berlin, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. "The German announcement was made in reference to British denials of the German allegations that the British misused hospital ships, it cited several instances, which, it is asserted, proved the correctness of the German accusation. The semi-official announcement reads, in part: "The German Government will, in the future, prevent all traffic by hospital ships in the entire barred zone and in the Mediterranean, including the Red Cross, and will regard hospital ships appearing therein as war vessels and attack them immediately."

Name Isolated Terms. Germany, the announcement adds, will allow the transport of ill and wounded from Salonica on Greek railways to Kalamata, and will allow hospital ships to Gibraltar on the following conditions: "Firstly, these hospital ships on the road left open to Greek waters must proceed at a rate of speed previously reported to the German Government. "Secondly, that the name of the vessel and the time of arrival or departure be communicated to the German Government six weeks in advance. "Thirdly, that a representative of the neutral government representing German interests in the particular country in question shall certify before the departure of hospital ships that she carries only the ill, wounded, and those who are in other words those for treating them."

PROMISE TO VATICAN BROKEN BY GERMANS

Mons Ordered to Supply Men at Cavalry Barracks or Pay Fine.

Brussels, May 27.—The Belgian authorities today made public a copy of an order served by the Germans on the City of Mons, as showing bad faith by the Germans in their announcement that deportations had been stopped at the request of Pope Benedict. The order, which is dated April 15, requires Mons to furnish six hundred young men at a German cavalry barracks before noon of the following day, equipped with clothing, shoes, and provisions. The city is notified that it must pay another hundred men if it does not furnish the required number. The Belgian authorities say the indications are that the deportations will be extended to women, as the Germans are taking a census which includes women and young girls as well as men.

FOE'S AIRCRAFT BOMB TOWNS UPON DANUBE

German Aviators Make Particularly Destructive Raid on Ismail.

Petrograd, May 26, via London.—During the past few days German aircraft have dropped bombs on towns situated in the Danube region, indicating many casualties. A raid on the town of Ismail, Bessarabia, was particularly destructive, a large number of women and children being killed and wounded.

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