CANADIAN TROOPS PENETRATED ENEMY DEFENCES

BOYS FROM THE DOMINION ATTACK NEUVILLE-VITASSE

Canadians Penetrate Six Hundred Yards Into German Lines, Finding Many Dead and Wounded—Two Hundred More Germans Killed in Fighting—Allied Position in Flanders Improved—The Berlin War Office States Germans Are Fighting Their Way Tothe Marne.

London, May 30—The text of the official statement issued by the war office today reads:

"A successful local operation was carried out by French troops east of Dickebusch Lake last night, resulting in an improvement of our position in that sector.

"Beyond artillery activity on both sides, there is nothing to report from the remainder of the British front."

British Headquarters in France, May 30—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—We carried out a most successful raid at Neuville-Vitasse, penetrating six hundred yards into the German defenses, finding many dead and wounded from the bombardment. In the fighting which followed another two hundred were killed.

Neuville-Vitasse is one of the points in the line recently taken over by the Canadians.

For Fere-En-Tardenois.

With the French Army in France, May 30, (By The Associated Press)—The efforts of the Germans since their first rapid advance appear to take a fan-like movement. The principal column of the Teuton divisions seem to be thrusting in the direction of Fere-En-Tardenois which now is under a heavy fire.

"On both flanks also strong forces are engaged. The first of these captured Soissons while on the eastern flank they threatened Rheims. In the latter region, however, they met with the sternest defence from the Franco-British forces which, nevertheless, have been obliged to realign in order to keep the front straight."

Berlin War Office.

Berlin, via London, May 30.—"To the south of Fere-En-Tardenois," says the official report this evening from headquarters, "we are fighting our way towards the Marne."

The day statement says:

"South of the Vesle the French front, which was in course of formation broke down under uninterrupted attacks by our divisions. We threw the enemy back after stubborn resistance as far as and across the line of Villemontoire, Fere-En-Tardenois, Coulonges, Brouillet and Branscourt.

"The forts on the northwestern front of Rheims have fallen. The northern parts of La Nouvilette and Betheny were captured. Guns of every description, up to railway guns of the heaviest calibre, were taken.

"The impetuous advance of our attacking forces prevented the enemy from carrying back rich war provisions heaped up in the captured territories; large depots fell into our hands at Soissons, Braisne and Fismes. Extensive munition depots, railway trains and hospital establishments, with a large quantity of medical equipment, fell into our possession. An airdrome with machines ready to start and airplane materials, also was captured.

"With the army groups of General Von Gallwitz and Duke Albrecht the fighting activity revived temporarily.

"During the last three days our aviators have brought down thirty-eight enemy airplanes south of Ypres; five enemy captive balloons were brought down in flames."

Hard Fight at Soissons.

With the French Army in France, May 30, (By The Associated Press.)—Although the Germans entered Soissons yesterday, it was only after some of the most severe infantry fighting in the present battle. The Allied reserves are gradually reaching the scene of the struggle below the Aisne, and the resistance opposed to the German push is becoming more obstinate minute by minute.

Yesterday's struggle for Soissons began early in the morning when large numbers of German troops obtained a footing in the eastern suburbs of the town. Shortly afterwards they were ejected, and the Allied troops hung on in the outskirts for some time, confronting with cold steel the desperate enemy efforts to drive in. The valor of the defenders, however, was greater than their strength, and when fresh German troops launched a new assault the line of combat receded into the town and there was fighting in the streets from house to house. The small body of French troops holding the place finally gave way, but only after dozens of individual duels with bayonets, revolvers and rifle butts. A hail of heavy German incendiary shells had fallen on the town throughout the night, firing numbers of houses and filling the air with smoke. Poison gas shells had impregnated the atmosphere with dangerous fumes.

The French, under the fierce onslaught gradually retired to the western outskirts of the city, where there is cover.

A CORRECTION.

In a recent issue it was stated that James E. Connors of Debec Junction was in the city in connection with the Military Service Act. This is incorrect and was caused by wrong information being given to this paper.

FIVE AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY BRITISH

Five Tons of Bombs Dropped on Ammunition Stations.

RAILWAY STATIONS ARE WELL BOMBARDED

Th Docks at Bruges and Railway at Metz-Sablong Damaged.

London, May 30—Five German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting on Wednesday and one was driven to the earth out of control, according to the official statement on aerial operations issued by the war office tonight.

Five tons of bombs were dropped by our machines during the day on ammunition dumps and billets in the neighborhood of Armentieres and Bapaume.

"The bombing operations continued during Wednesday and sixteen tons of bombs were dropped o nrailway stations.

OPERA HOUSE.

Tonight comes the regular change of programme, the features including Reynolds and White in a comedy and musical novelty; Vaughn and Dreams, two personality girls, one with a phenomenal baritone voice, in a vocal and piano offering; John Cutty, a versatile musical genius; Skipper and Kastrup, singers of original songs, one other big comedy feature and the usual chapter of The Mystery Ship, serial drama Two performances in evening, at 7.30 and 9. Same popular prices.

MAPLE LEAF CO'S ACTUAL ASSETS

Managing Director Hedley Shaw Makes Correction of Labor Department's Report.

Toronto, May 30—Concerning the labor departent's report on the flour milling industry, Managing Director Hedley Shaw, of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, states that a misstatement had been made regarding the amount of Company's actual assets.

"In the report that I have before me," said Mr. Shaw, "It is stated that $3,770,000 has been paid in assets and the rest of the share capital is goodwill. This is an absolute misstatement.

"Our actual real assets, at the time the report deals with, amounted to $4,370,524, and not $3,770,000, and that our good-will actually stood at only $229,580, and not $1,250,000 as the report states."

ARRANGING FOR WAR PRISONERS EXCHANGE

British and Germans Ready to Send Delegates to The Hague to Discuss the Subject.

(By George F. Steward.)
Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

Amsterdam, May 29.—The Dutch foreign office is engaged in arranging with the British and German governments the special points to be discussed by the proposed conference over the exchange of prisoners of war. It was announced today that the British and German governments have intimated to the Dutch government that they are ready to send delegates to The Hague in a short time.

THE ELECTIC CLUB HEAR TRAVEL TALKS

The closing meeting of the Eclectic Reading Club for the season was held at the residence of Mrs. Keator, Germain street last evening. The subject of the evening was "Travel talks" and six delightful accounts of trips to the Sunny South were given by Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. George F. Matthew, Mrs. Malcolm MacKay, Miss Homer and Judge Forbes. Each described some special incident witnessed during their travels this winter or some especially besutiful scenery in the places visited, and the program was greatly enjoyed.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the New Brunswick Auxiliary for the Maritime School for the Blind gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the fund for the Blind: Buctouche Women's Institute, per Miss Winifred Douglas, $27.55; Lower Kingsclear Women's Institute, per Miss Hazel McCain, supervisor, $25; Newcastle Women's Institute, per Mrs. G. G. Stothart, $25; Blackville Women's Institute, per Miss Hazel McCain, supervisor, $15; Keswick Ridge, York, Women's Institute, per Mrs. A. D. Sloat, $12.25; Bloomfield and Central Norton Women's Institute per Miss E. A. Grace Wetmore, $8.05; Lorneville Women's Institute, per Mrs. Alfred Splane, $5.

GIANTS BUY BERT NIEHOFF.

Bert Neihoff, infielder of the St. Louis National League club, became a member of the New York Nationals recently according to a statement issued by Manager McGraw of the latter club. Niehoff was obtained for a cash consideration.

MANY UP-RIVER EMPLOYES OF C. P. R. IN WAR SERVICE

Thirty-Six of Woodstock Division Have Joined the Colors Since the War Began--Firemen K. B. Hawkins and Allison Sharpe Killed in Action—A Noteworthy List.

Special to The Standard.

Aroostook Junction, N. B., May 30.—Thirty-six Canadian Pacific employes of the Woodstock division of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, which has its headquarters here, have enlisted for overseas service since the war began.

The following lines were enclosed in a stocking sent by one of the members of the Aroostook Branch of the Red Cross to the front trenches in France:

Soldier, you stand within the British ranks,
Our barrier brave against the Prussian foe,
We know you not—but yet receive our thanks—
A stranger you,—and yet our friend we know—
For us in Canada who live in peace
And undisturbed by any human foe,
Waiting until this awful war shall cease
'Tis you we trust to give them blow for blow,
Until the Prussian power is broken like a reed
And Southern Germany her freedom earns
And all the Kingdoms of the earth are freed
In whose proud bosom liberty still burns,
Then, fight, brave warrior, fight, and strive your best
To bring to us that freedom we all love
And if your soul attains eternal rest
May Allah take you to His Home above.

The following is a list of the employes in the Empire's service:

A. Roy Turner, locomotive fireman, enlisted in Hospital Corps, Aug. 21, 1914, transferred to the Engineers in 1915, appointed lance corporal in 1916, corporal in 1917, and sergeant in Dec., 1917, has been buried alive 5 times, and was wounded at Vimy Ridge.

George "Scotty" MacDonald, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 12th Battalion Aug. 20, 1914, gassed at Ypres, was operated on, and after intense suffering, invalided home to Fredericton, N. B.

K. B. Hawkins, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 145th Battalion, lieutenant at Amherst Detention Camp, went overseas and was killed in action March 9, 1917.

Kenneth Miller, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 12th Battalion, Aug. 14, 1914, wounded in France and discharged from military service.

T. Bert Miller, locomotive engineer, enlisted in 26th Battalion, Nov. 27, 1914, crack shot, sniper, invalided to England, now back at front, driving ammunition truck.

Tom Carter, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 24th Field Battery, Dec. 30, 1914, went overseas, was in battle of Ypres, etc., was gassed, had pneumonia and spinal meningitis, invalided home, and is now back in C. P. R. service.

H. W. McCurdy, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 26th Battalion, Jan., 1915, wounded in France, invalided home, now in customs service, St. Stephen.

F. T. Purton, Jr., locomotive fireman, enlisted in 26th Battalion, Dec. 22, 1914, in France.

Jack Holman, brakeman, enlisted in 1st Contingent, in France.

Perley R. Cox, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 8th Field Batt., Sept. 1, 1914, in France.

L. B. "Jumbo" Downey, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 115th Battalion, July, 1915, Military Police, England.

C. A. Stewart, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 140th Battalion, Dev. 19, 1914, Military Police, England.

Moses Holmes, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 15th Regiment, overseas.

John Slater, watchman.

Allison Sharpe, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 104th Battalion, Dec. 5, 1915, killed in action.

C. Pheeney, locomotive fireman, enlisted in 8th Battery, in France.

H. W. London, hostler, enlisted in 67th Regiment, Dec. 18, 1914, home service, Halifax, N. S., discharged accountant ill health, Feb. 25, 1915.

George Davis, locomotive fireman, detention camp, Amherst, discharged June, 1918.

Archie Connolly, brakeman, sapper in Engineers, 1st Division, August, 1914, in France.

Fred Fawcett, brakeman, enlisted in 8th Battery 2nd Brigade, in France.

Bert Hicks, brakeman, transport supply column, in France.

David Slipp, brakeman, corporal 10th Field Battery, in France. For gallant service at the battle of the Somme, was awarded the D. C. M. Is now in England undergoing special treatment for wounds received.

Pete Morrison, brakeman, gunner, 55th Regiment, in France.

Ira G. Wharton, brakeman, 55th Regiment, in France.

Phillip Carter, brakeman, 23rd Howitzer Battery, in France.

Norman Bull, brakeman, 8th Battery, Aug., 1914, in France.

H. Sims Gillespie, brakeman, 1st Contingent, in France.

M. H. Larley, brakeman, home guard.

W. Turgeon, brakeman, 165th Battalion, in France.

Tomm F. McMullin, locomotive fireman, Forestry Battalion, in France.

A. Brown, sectionman, 23rd Battalion, in France.

F. Buck, clerk, 26th Battalion, in France.

W. Crandlemire, assistant agent, home service, Amherst.

Fred Camp, operator, 104th Battalion, in France.

W. Bayley, assistant operator, Debec Jct., 26th Battalion, Nov. 20, 1914, in France.

Gordon McNally, laborer, home service, Amherst.

PATRONS TAXED.

New York—All patrons of billiard academies are going to be taxed next fall. The tax won't be much, but, as the old saying goes, "many a mickle makes a muckle," and this taxation will provide a lot of recreation for the boys who are fighting for us in No Man's Land.

The plan of taxing the billiard players is this: Starting early in September, and at the end of each week throughout the season, every man who patronizes a billiard academy in this city will be asked to put 5 cents toward a fund to purchase billiard and pool tables and appurtenances for our soldier boys.

Of course anybody who can afford to play billiards is not going to miss the 5 cents a week but when it is considered there are about 100,000 players in the 500 academies in Greater New York, it can be realized how soon a tidy sum will be raised to carry out this worthy project.

The stock exchange of New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia were closed yesterday because of the Memorial Day holiday in the Northern and Western states. The provision and cotton exchanges were also closed.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CANDA CAR STOCKHOLDERS

Directors of Big Plants at Amherst and Elsewhere Rather Unexpectedly Announce 3-1-2 Per Cent. Dividend on Preferred Stock on Account of Arrears.

The directors of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited, met in Montreal yesterday and rather unexpectedly announced that a dividend of 3½ per cent had been declared on account of arrears on the preferred stock. The dividend will be paid July 15th to shareholders of record June 15th. It is the first distribution to be received by the shareholders in four years.

The resumption of payments has been definitely in prospects for some weeks; the satisfactory results of business for the six months ending March 31st and the improving financial position of the company both being contributing factors.

Senator Curry made it clear that the declaration was on deferred dividend account, but added that the question of the resumption of regular quarterly payments and further payments on deferred account would be taken up at a later meeting.

The company's plant at Amherst is busy.

MAKE GOOD AVIATORS.

Many of the country's great young tennis players are in the army. Practically every man of the 1916 "big ten" are in service and most of them are in the aviation branch.

In spite of the rigorous examinations for the flying service the better tennis players have had little trouble in passing the tests.

Army surgeons declare that the peculiar traits which make an athlete great as a tennis player are about the same as those which make up the successful aviator.

A man must have an absolute sense of balance. His judge of distance must be perfect and his eyesight exceptionally keen.

HANK IS OVER THERE.

Hank Schroder is now over there with Uncle Sam's forces. Hank was a member of the 306th Artillery stationed at Camp Upton.

He is well known in boxing circles, having done considerable boxing under the name of Tommy Burns and was a sparring partner of Dutch Brandt.

In the boxing championships held at Camp Upton he won the featherweight title, beating Jimmy Smith on a decision awarded by Champion Benny Leonard.

Holiday Fixings

White Duck Trousers, $1.10 to $2.
White Flannel Trousers, $5.25.
White Serge Trousers, $5.75.
White Serge, black stripe, $4 and $5.50.
Khaki Trousers, $2.
Shirts and Neckwear, new patterns.
Summer Suits, novelty style coats.
Light Weight Overcoats, $15 to $35.
Raincoats, $7.25 to $20.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

MAY—PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 3rd .... 7h. 26m. p.m.
New Moon, 10th .... ..10h. 1m. a.m.
First Quarter, 17th .. 5h. 14m. p.m.
Full Moon, 25th .... .. 7h. 32m. p.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
31	Fri	5.45	7.57	4.03	16.34	10.26	22.52

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly to southwesterly winds; fair and moderately warm.

Washington, May 30—Northern New England: Fair Friday, warmer in interior; Saturday fair, warmer, except on the east Maine coast. Gentle to moderate northeast and east winds.

Toronto, May 30.—The weather has been fair today throughout Canada, with the exception of a few scattered showers in the northern partion of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

DIED.

SULLIVAN—In this city on May 30th, Herman Sullivan, aged 52 years, leaving a widow and three sons to mourn.
Funeral from his late residence, No. 1 Alexandra street at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

MELVIN—At the Infirmary, on May 31st, of septic pneumonia, Alice A., beloved and faithful wife of George G. Melvin, M. D., leaving husband and two daughters in deep sorrow. Notice of funeral hereafter.

GIRL, TWELVE, SPEAKS EIGHT TONGUES AND SHE CAN RECITE IN SEVENTEEN

MRS WINFRED SACKVILLE STONER AND HER DAUGHTER, WINFRED SACKVILLE STONER JR.

RECEIVING MESSAGES FROM GERMAN BRIGADE COMMANDER IN THE FIELD

This photograph shows a German brigade commander's messages being received by telephone. The range finder is seen in the use on the left. The German artillery remains are massed by brigades. The superior artillery officer usually remains with the divisional general officers or is connected with the latter by means of telegraph or telephone. He is also connected with his brigade commanders by telephone, and batteries are massed whenever the terrain makes it practicable to do so.

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