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FRENCH CAPTURE CRAONNE; RUSSIAN SITUATION SERIOUS

A BRITISH DESTROYER GOES DOWN

Probably One Officer and Sixty-one Perished on Vessel.

DESTROYER WAS CRAFT OF THE OLDER TYPE

Craft Struck Mine in English Channel on Wednesday and Founders.

London, May 4.—The loss of a torpedo boat destroyer and of probably one officer and sixty-one men is announced by the admiralty in a statement issued tonight. The statement says: "The admiralty announces that a destroyer of an older type struck a mine May 2 in the English Channel and sank. One officer and sixty-one members of the crew are missing and are presumed to have been drowned."

287 LOST ON TRANSPORT ARCADIAN

London, May 4.—The British transport Arcadian, 8,328 tons gross, was owned by the Royal Steam Packet Co. of Liverpool. She was withdrawn from the passenger service early in the war and taken over by the British Admiralty.

The text of the official statement reporting the sinking reads: "The British transport Arcadian with troops, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on April 15, and sank in five minutes. Nineteen officers, 214 of other ranks, 19 of naval ratings, thirty-four officials and 30 civilians are missing and it is presumed were drowned."

R. C. CHURCH AT WHITE MT. IS FIRE'S PREY

Special to The Standard
Sussex, May 3.—St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church at White's Mount was destroyed by fire today with all its contents. Rev. Father McDermott of Sussex was notified by telephone this afternoon at 3 o'clock that the church was burning and hastened to the scene by auto, but found the building a mass of smoking ruins on his arrival.
St. Michael's Church was renovated and repaired last summer, over seventeen hundred dollars being expended on this work. A new altar, chalice, vestments, organ and other church properties were installed and the building was painted and remodelled. The church was very pretty and up to date and its loss above insurance will total in the vicinity of three

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS AND FRENCH TAKE ANOTHER VILLAGE

Canadian Line Unshaken by Succession of German Raids Near Fresnoy.

GERMAN CASUALTIES HEAVIER THAN USUAL

French Capture First Hun Line for 2 1-2 Miles Northwest of Rheims.

London, May 4.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "The number of German prisoners captured in yesterday's operations exceeds 100, including twenty-eight officers."
"During the day our troops strengthened their positions in the sectors of the Hindenburg line captured yesterday, and have progressed eastward along the enemy's trenches, killing many Germans and taking several prisoners."
"A number of successful bombing raids were carried out by our airplanes yesterday, resulting in severe fighting in the air. Three hostile machines were brought down by our airplanes and five others were driven down out of control. Two of our own machines were shot down by the fire of our machines, and another was compelled to land beyond our lines. Two of our airplanes are missing."

French Take Town.
Paris, May 4.—Northwest of Rheims French troops have taken the first German line on a front of about two and a half miles, capturing six hundred prisoners in the operation. On the eastern end of the Vandenberg plateau, the statement from the war office this evening adds, the village of Craonne has been captured by the French. More than 150 prisoners as well as several points of support east and northeast of Craonne also fell into the hands of Gen. Nivelle's forces.
The text of the statement reads: "During the day in an operation splendidly carried out we gained possession of the village of Craonne and several points of support east and northeast of that town. The number of prisoners accounted for up to the present is 150."
"To the northwest of Rheims, after a heavy artillery preparation, we started this morning an attack, in which our troops have captured the first German line on a front of four kilometres. We have taken about 600 prisoners, including eight officers."
"In the Champagne the artillery fighting has been violent all day in the region to the south and southwest of Moronvilliers. There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

Canadians Check Huns
Canadian Headquarters in France, May 4, via London.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent, Canadian Press)—Several counterattacks have been made by the German

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 4.—Including tonight's list of 381 names, the total number of Canadian casualties reported by the records office of the militia department since Easter Monday now totals 14,166.
Infantry.
Killed in Action—
E. M. Pringle, Stanley, N. B.
J. Cassie, Fair Isle, N. B.
A. Gagne, Bathurst, N. B.
J. E. Richards, St. John.
A. Dixon, Rockport, N. B.
L. A. McDougall, Minerals, Carleton Co., N. B.
Sergt. P. C. Tull, St. John.
G. Arsenault, Moncton.
J. Bois, Dundas, N. B.
G. Chipman, Amherst, N. S.
R. B. Frye, St. Stephen.
G. Lovely, Narrows, N. B.
Dioc of Wounds—
Sergt. R. B. Raymond, Bloomfield, N. B.
Wounded—
J. H. Beck, Elgin, N. B.
L. J. Reach, Nelson, N. B.
M. Gotreau, Grand Downs (Anst) N. B.
Missing—
V. A. Grierson, Kentville, N. S.
O. O. Wentzell, Bear River, N. S.
Died—
J. A. Tops, Campbellton, N. B.

thousand dollars. There had been no fire in the building for several days and no cause can be assigned for the

STRONG PLEAS FOR GREATER PRODUCTION

Provincial Conference Urges People of Province to Produce all they Can Grow.

MANY SPEAKERS ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY

"We Should Match by Labor at Home the Matchless Heroism of Our Soldiers," Says Prof. Robertson.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, May 4.—With the announcement that the Normal School will be overflowing this afternoon the campaign for greater production started off with great enthusiasm. Representatives were present from farming communities, from boards of trades, the clergy, the press, patriotic societies and many interested listeners.
On a platform were His Honor, the Lieut. Governor, Premier Foster, minister of agriculture, J. F. Tweedale, Prof. Robertson of Ottawa.
Premier Foster presided until the arrival of W. B. Snowball of Chatham. The premier expressed his pleasure at seeing the large gathering in response to the call.
The meeting was in the interest of better production in the province of New Brunswick. The farmer is the man we look to for assistance. We know his difficulties of the farm and are going to try to devise ways and means to assist him. A telegram of regret was read from Hon. Jas. A. Murray.
Lieut. Gov. Wood
Lt. Governor Wood followed, expressing pleasure at being present and his great sympathy with the movement. All should enlist to procure food for our soldiers overseas. This organization of action is abetting and a good one.
The minister of agriculture, Hon. J. F. Tweedale, spoke of the timeliness of this meeting before seed time. The government is resolved to spare no pains or means in this campaign to make every acre produce a greater food supply.
The honour of Chicago urges the cultivation of every available acre of land. The clergy, boards of trade, press and business men were urged to put every force into the movement.
W. P. Snowball of Chatham, took the chair, offering his support for this patriotic movement. Chatham has taken steps already to see if school boys' labor cannot be utilized.
That the National Service Board will aid the greater production movement every way was stated by Maj. L. E. D. Tilley in forcible address.

MONCTON MEETING TO AID RETURNED SOLDIERS

Moncton, May 4.—The returned soldiers' aid commission for the province met here this afternoon and evening and discussed matters in connection with looking after returned men. There were present Thomas Bell, St. John; chairman, ex-Attorney-General Baxter, Dr. Walker, Charles Robinson, St. John; Mr. Peacock, Fredericton; D. A. Stewart, Campbellton; J. D. Creaghan, Newcastle; Mayor Masters and Dr. Bourque, Moncton.
The matter of finding employment for the returned men was discussed. Secretary Robinson was instructed to visit all parts of the province not yet visited and interest people in providing employment for returned soldiers.

TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA APPARENTLY STANDS ON RAGGED EDGE OF REVOLT

"Down With Milukoff," and "Away With Temporary Government."

SIGNIFICANT BANNERS ARE RAISED IN PETROGRAD

Serious Situation Involving Relations with Entente Allies Develops.

Bulletin—Petrograd, May 4, via London, May 5.—At three o'clock this afternoon many hundreds of factory workers—men, women and boys—preceded by a double file of soldiers marched down the Nevsky Prospect with a banner inscribed "Away with the temporary government."
Otherwise the city has been normal throughout the day, though the tenseness caused by the situation of yesterday still prevails.
MUCH DISCONTENT.
Petrograd, May 3, via London, May 4, (Delayed)—Although the sentiment of the workmen's council tonight apparently is against extreme measures, unless they are absolutely necessary, every speaker at the meeting emphasizing the contention that the power in Russia rests in the hands of the representatives of the workmen and soldiers and that they are determined to enforce their views upon temporary government or immediately dispossess it and construct a government of their own liking.
"Down with Milukoff."
Petrograd, via London, May 4.—When Foreign Minister Milukoff saw the banners inscribed with the words "Down with Milukoff" he addressed the demonstrators from the balcony of the palace saying that he was fearful not for Milukoff but for Russia.
If the inscription interpreted the feelings of a majority of the citizens he asked what must be the condition of Russia if the Entente allies would say Russia had betrayed her allies and had struck her name from the list of the allied powers.
The provisional government cannot accept that view of things," continued M. Milukoff. "I declare to you that the provisional government and

on which their years standing depend."
"Any conditions or difficulties arising in the matter of administration of the above propositions, and not covered by them, shall be dealt with by the local committee, any two of which, the chairman being one, shall be a quorum."
"There shall be allowed the sum of dollars by the province in aid of clerical work of each local committee."
The next speaker, Professor Cummings of Truro, dealt with the shortage of beef and urged the adoption of a slogan, "We eat no beef."
F. E. Sharpe of Springhill, N. B., moved the following resolution:
"In order to further stimulate the production within the province of high grade seed oats, wheat, potatoes and possibly other crops to provide for the seed needs of next year, this convention recommends that a large prize list for field crops be offered for the current year and that a vigorous campaign be undertaken to give publicity to these competitions."
"Also, in order to encourage the increase of all crops and the improvement of live stock a general competition for increased farm production, with substantial money prizes be announced."
"Also, that national service diplomas be awarded to those entering this competition, who, in the opinion of the judges, make a substantial addition to food production."
The resolution was adopted.

W. Frank Hatheway.
A resolution regarding schools as follows, was presented by W. Frank Hatheway and passed unanimously: Resolved, that the education department co-operate in increased production:
(1) By mobilizing the pupils of the schools who with the consent of their parents and the local school boards shall volunteer for the same under such regulations as may be determined.
(2) That the school inspectors shall be released from their regular duties to co-operate in the work.
(3) That the household science teachers of the province be engaged during the summer vacation, under direction to give instruction in the various centres regarding canning and economical use of food.
James B. Porter of Andover, after a speech on the dignity of labor, moved this resolution:

"Whereas, in order to secure all available additional farm labor to increase production on the farm in the province of New Brunswick, it is considered advisable to organize labor offices or bureaus within the province.
Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of the meeting it is deemed advisable to open a labor office or offices for the purpose of securing all available farm help to be employed on the farms in New Brunswick and that the executive of the organization take such action as they deem necessary to establish the same."
Dr. Borden.
In a straight forward speech Dr. Borden of Sackville moved this resolution:
"Recognizing that this war has raised the question of production from the ordinary business plans of supply and demand to the high moral plane of national duty, this convention would recommend that Sunday, May 13th, be declared National Service Sunday for the province of New Brunswick, and that a joint message dealing with food production be sent to every clergyman of the province signed by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and the Director of National Service for the province, and that each clergyman be requested to read this message and to deliver a sermon or address at one of the church services on that Sunday upon the subject of national service with special reference to food production."
The resolution was carried:
C. M. Legere, M. L. A. of Westmorland county, moved the following resolution:
"Whereas at the present time the need exists for a greater amount of food production and that every class of people and portion of the province should lend their energies to accomplish so desirable a purpose,
Therefore be it resolved that owners of vacant lots in cities and towns and commercial and industrial workers there be earnestly requested to co-operate in their respective communities in the highest degree possible in the cultivation of the greatest amount possible."
This resolution was also adopted.
Prof. Robertson.
The eloquence of Professor James Robertson of Ottawa is well known and his talk at the conference was both stirring and touching. He paid a high tribute to woman's work in France and how hard work had exalted not coarsened the French woman. They

LIBERALS STILL WASTE TIME AT OTTAWA

Some More Interested in Politics than in Winning the War.

GRIT WHIP HAS LONG LIST OF WINDJAMMERS

Looks as if the Liberal Patriots' Might Talk Until Midsummer.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 4.—Whatever the object may be it is apparent that the Liberals are pursuing a policy of prolonging the session. The budget debate has been in progress now with various interruptions for over two weeks and it shows no sign of coming to an end. The present outlook is that it will still be in progress when Sir Robert Borden reaches the capital. The Liberal whip admits that he has still a long list of speakers on his list, and it is understood that several more amendments to the budget are being considered by the Liberal leader. If the debate on each runs as long as the "Turrit" amendment the budget will not be disposed of until midsummer.
That the Liberals are keeping ever before their eyes the likelihood of an election is evident not only from the nature of their speeches but from the character of the resolutions which are being daily brought before the house. As Sir Thomas White pointed out yesterday in the debate their only object is to be in politics; they certainly are not calculated to assist the government in its endeavor to win the war so far as the part Canada is playing can assist in that object.
The debate today was unacceptably dull. Frank Laurier, Conservative, Halimand, announced that he would vote for a conscription resolution if one were to be introduced.
work not for money but for France, for Lord and Liberty. We should match by labor at home the matchless heroism of our soldiers.
Interesting speeches were given by F. S. Tweedale, W. B. Reik, the deputy minister of agriculture, Mrs. J. V. Leavitt, the Housewives' League, St. John, Miss Hazel Winter, supervisor of Women's Institutes, and Mrs. Gray of Florenceville W. I.

F. A. Dykeman offered a plough a prize for production, and the slogan, "To the Ploughman, Victory." C. Alwood of Petliodiac, Rev. Father Guerin of St. Joseph's College, A. G. Dickson of Northumberland, Jas. Gilchrist, St. John, and Rev. J. J. Colter of Fredericton, also spoke.
The Committee.
The following were appointed as a committee to meet and further the movement for greater production:
Albert Co.—T. A. Goggin, Elgin; C. J. Gann, Hillsboro.
Carleton Co.—Geo. Upham, Woodstock; Harry Smith, Florenceville.
Charlotte Co.—G. W. Scovill, St. Stephen; Howard Grimmer, St. Andrews.
Kent Co.—J. D. Irving, Buctouche; Hon. Dr. Landry.
Leinster Co.—J. T. Prescott, Sussex; J. D. McKenna, Sussex.
Madawaska Co.—Dennis D'Aigle, Baker Lake; B. R. Violette, St. Leonard.
Northumberland Co.—Geo. E. Fisher, Chatham; A. G. Dickson, Chatham.
Gloucester Co.—John J. Miller, Bathurst; Jos. Theriault, Paquetville.
Queens Co.—T. S. Peters, Gagetown; Isaac Baird, Chipman.
Restigouche Co.—Edw. L. Vasseur, Anderson Settlement; R. L. Hicks, Dalhousie Junction.
Sunbury Co.—H. H. Smith, Hoyt Station; Chas. Gilmore, Ormoco.
St. John Co.—E. A. Schofield, St. John; R. R. Patchell, St. John.
Westmorland Co.—O. M. Melanson, Shediac; J. W. Carter, Salisbury.
York Co.—Jas. S. Neill, Fredericton; Wm. Moore, Scotch Lake.
Victoria Co.—Donald Fraser, Plaster Rock; Abraham Kupke, Andover.
Miss Winter will appoint members from the Women's Institutes throughout the province.

Woman's Institute.
Over fifty of the Women's Institute members attended, with representatives from the daughters of the Empire from Sackville and Dorchester chapters, the Canadian Clubs of St. Stephen and St. John, the Y. W. P. A. of St. John and others.
The evening meeting, addressed by Professor James Robertson, who described his experiences at the front, in an eloquent and beautifully descriptive way. It is expected that Professor Robertson will be heard next week in St. John.