

## OSTEND PARTIALLY BLOCKED BY SINKING OF THE VINDICTIVE

### Lull in Major Operations on Western Front Continues

#### French Troops Advanced Their Lines Slightly East of Loere, in Flanders; American Batteries Shell the Enemy Lines; British Airmen Sustain Their Reputation

LONDON, May 11.—French troops advanced their line slightly yesterday evening east of Loere, on the Flanders front, the war office announcement says. It follows:

"French Troops advanced their line slightly yesterday evening east of Loere, a captured several prisoners. We carried out successful raids during the night west of Marville, and brought back a few prisoners and machine-guns. A raid attempted by the enemy east of Ypres was stopped by our fire."

With the American Forces on the French Front, Friday, May 10.—(By the Associated Press).—American batteries bombarded the enemy lines heavily last night, the shells causing fires in the villages of Cantigny and Mesnil-St. George, held by the Germans.

German patrol continue active along the front. One attempted to rush American outposts, but was driven off.

An American outpost caught a German trench dog. The pouch about his neck contained a message that the German retaliatory fire was falling short, and that many of their own shells were landing in Cantigny.

LONDON, May 11.—Five trains loaded with American troops arrived in London this morning. They were marshalled at the Wellington Barracks for their march through the streets of London today. The troops will be reviewed by King George at Buckingham Palace.

### BRITISH AIRMEN SUSTAIN GREAT REPUTATION BY THEIR WORK TODAY

With the British Army in France, May 11.—(By The Associated Press).—There has been much air fighting during the past few days. British airmen have fully sustained the great reputation they established early in the war. Scores of heavy bombers are recounted in which the British triumphed over greater numbers of the adversary. All of these stories vary only as to details.

Several days ago near Ypres one British machine attacked five Germans single-handed. The Britisher engaged one of the enemy and fought him until he turned tail and fled. The English pilot then went after another German and pressed the attack so hard that the enemy was forced in a nose dive in an attempt to escape. The rise was futile, however, for the Britisher followed him down, firing steadily into the helpless German machine with his machine gun until the latter finally turned on its back and fell plume-like. Another British plane was attacked by six enemy machines which came at it from below and behind. The British observer opened fire at close range, riddling the leading German machine, which dived and then burst into flames. This finished the work of the British pilot who got away safely.

But fighting planes are not the only ones that have been busy. The British bombing squadrons have been doing wonderful work destroying railroads, billets, ammunition dumps and bombing enemy troops and transports. Tons of high explosives have been dropped among the masses of the enemy at night, causing heavy casualties. The British machines also have been employed constantly in attacking the infantry directing the fire of British machine guns and in many cases veritable slaughter has resulted. The artillery planes also have been doing invaluable work directing the fire of British guns and this represents one of the most important phases of the duties of the air corps for the pilots are the eyes of the gunners.

#### ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

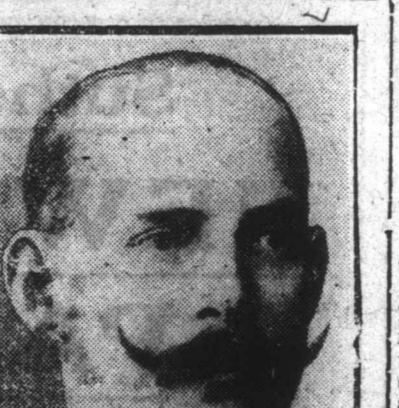
London, May 11.—The text

of the War Office statement issued last night read: "There was local fighting today at Aveluy Wood, north of the main line. British artillery activity at several points, particularly in the Vimy and Hoebuck sectors and south of Diekebusch there is nothing further to report."

#### AIRMEN HAD GOOD DAY.

London, May 11.—Cloudless weather on Thursday favored the British aviators, according to an official statement to-day dealing with air activities and twenty-seven German machines were downed and twelve driven down out of control. The statement follows: "The cloudless weather on Thursday enabled our airplanes to carry out a full day's work. More than twenty-four tons of bombs were dropped on different targets, including important railway stations at Tournay, Maroing, Chaulnes and Cambrai and billets at Carvin, Peronne and Chilly and the docks at Zebrugghe. Fighting in the air was more or less continuous and it was particularly fierce towards dusk.

"Twenty-seven German machines were downed, twelve were driven down out of control and four hostile observation balloons were destroyed. Six of our machines are missing. "During the night four and one-half tons of bombs were dropped on the docks and at the entrance of the canal at Ostend and three and one-half tons on Peronne, Chaulnes and Bapaume. All of the machines returned."



EX-KING CONSTANTINE.

The former King of Greece is seriously ill at Zurich, Switzerland, and not likely to recover.

Don't miss the Auction Sale of brand new furniture at "Pursell's" next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Death occurred of Alonzo T. Shaver, of Lunenburg, in Stormont County. He was an ex-warden.

### HEAVY FIGHTING

Paris, May 11.—Heavy fighting on the front below Amiens in the region of Grivesnes and Hailly-Raineval is reported in today's official communication.

The French gained ground on the southern side of the Pleadry battle front, near Ervillers-Sorel, southeast of Montdidier.

"During the night very spirited artillery fighting continued all along the front in the region of Grivesnes and Hailly-Raineval. North of Grivesnes, our troops carried out a raid and took fifteen prisoners. In a local operation at Mareuil wood northwest of Ervillers-Sorel, we made an appreciable gain of ground. Thirty-nine prisoners and several machine guns fell into our hands. A German counter attack was broken up completely by our fire.

"French detachments made several incursions into the German lines, especially south of Montdidier, northeast of Thiancourt, in the sector of Sapignoul and in the Woivre, taking prisoners and material. "There is nothing to report elsewhere on the front."

### BANK MANAGER GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Sentence Was For Theft of \$53,000.00 Which He Bet on Horses

By Courier Leased Wire Toronto, May 11.—Louis M. Maynard, manager of a local branch of the Dominion Bank, was sentenced to-day by Judge Winchester, years at Portsmouth penitentiary, Kingston, for the theft of \$53,000 from the bank.

Accused pleaded guilty as soon as arraigned in the county criminal court. Restitution of about \$3,200 has been made. The county crown attorney said Maynard had started to bet on horse racing in February 1916—had borrowed money sent from the head office and manipulated customers' accounts to meet defalcations. To deceive the inspectors he had changed the leaves in the loose leaf ledgers, putting in correct sheets for inspecting and taking them out and replacing them with his sheets when the inspectors left. This had gone on for twenty-two months.

Maynard in a statement, says he was \$4,800 in debt when he entered the bank service, had just married, needed the money badly and borrowed that amount from the bank. Then he tried to repay his loan betting on horses with more bank money, always losing. Notice of promotion and increase of salary came when he could not hide the defalcation any longer and he had fled.

John Calder, of East Nissouri, was named by the Liberals of North Oxford for the vacant seat in the Legislature.



BRITISH REFUGEES LEAVING PETROGRAD. The picture shows part of the railway train on which British people quit the Russian capital and set out on the railway journey to Murmansk, in the Arctic circle, which took eight days via the freight route. Large sums had to be paid to various officials in Petrograd, the charge for the first 20 miles being \$75.

### ROSTOV RETAKEN BY RUSS FORCES FROM THE TEUTONS

Town Held by Germans and the Ukraine Forces Have Been Recaptured

### GENERAL MURDERED

General Rennenkampf, Veteran of Jap War, Slain by Bolsheviki

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 11.—The Russian general who recaptured Rostov from the Germans and Ukrainians, according to information received in Moscow, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The capture of Rostov, the largest town in the Don Cossack territory, was reported in the official statement from Berlin on Thursday.

Rennenkampf Murdered Copenhagen, May 11.—General Rennenkampf, a Russian commander in the Japanese and present wars, has been murdered by the Bolsheviki at Taranog, southeast of Rostov, according to the Vienna correspondent of The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

In the Japanese war, General Rennenkampf commanded a Cossack cavalry division. In 1914 he gained successes against the Germans in Poland and East Russia. He was defeated by Field Marshal von Hindenburg. In 1915 he was placed on the retired list and in June 1917 was arrested by the provisional government and interned in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Change Impeaching London, May 11.—Russia has been suddenly faced with events that may again change the political outlook, the Petrograd correspondent of The Daily Express telegraphs. Germany, he says, has apparently found that economic dominion over Russian territory is insufficient, and is seeking military occupation.

An extra session of the Bolsheviki government council has been held in Petrograd to discuss the situation created by the ultimatum recently delivered by the German ambassador Count von Mirbach, which embodied demands of a character apparently calculated to turn Russia virtually into a German colony. Premier Lenin's speech at this meeting was extremely pessimistic, the correspondent reports.

According to the newspaper Podnia, the question of transferring the capital to Nijni-Novgorod was broached, as was the subject of immediate military measures for the defence of Moscow against possible aerial attacks.

Imperial Munitions Board wired the shipyards at Fort William that the wooden ship being built there must be completed ready to sail under own steam, by November 19.

La Tribune, of Sherbrooke, Que., says it is not for the love of the British Empire that the young men of Quebec are responding to the call to the colors, but in defence of the noble and oppressed in France.

### TO FRIENDS OF THE RED TRIANGLE FUND

Many who wished to contribute and were not called upon in the recent canvass are asked to send their subscriptions to any of the following, when they will be duly acknowledged.

Y.M.C.A. Building, A. K. Bunnell, T. E. Ryerson, Dr. C. A. Jarvis, C. Cook, or any member of the Rotary Club.

### DOYLE AND RUTH LEAD BATSMEN

Speaker Drops to the Third Place in the American League; Cobb Coming to Fore

By Courier Leased Wire Chicago, May 11.—With an average of 426 Larry Doyle, the veteran second baseman with New York has batted his way to the top of the National League hitters, according to averages including games of Wednesday, released to-day. He is tied with Ludorus of Philadelphia for honors in home run hitting, each having two. Burns of New York leads in base stealing with 10. New York, with four men among the ten leading batters, cling to the honors in team batting with an average of 307. St. Louis continues to lead in team fielding with 970. The ten leading batters:

Doyle, New York, 426; Flack, Chicago, 382; Young, New York, 350; Kauff, New York, 346; White, Boston, 360; Paulette, St. Louis, 355; Smith, Boston, 348; Meyers, Brooklyn, 347; McCarthy, New York, 345; Allen, Cincinnati, 333.

Hamilton of Pittsburgh tops the pitchers in games won and lost, having won five without a defeat. In the American League, Speaker of Cleveland has fallen to third place with "Babe" Ruth, the Boston pitcher, showing the way with an average of 407. In his last six games Ruth made six hits, three of them home runs. Speaker and Strunk of Boston are tied for the lead in base stealing with seven each.

Ty Cobb made his 1918 appearance in 16-day's averages, with an average of 362 for eleven games, having made 17 hits, five of which were doubles. Cobb apparently has lost none of his speed as he has stolen five bases and registered twelve runs.

The world's championship Chicago club took the lead in team batting with an average of 339, while Boston leads in team fielding with 970. The ten leading batters:

Ruth, Boston, 407; McMullin, Chicago, 400; Speaker, Cleveland, 393; Baker, New York, 384; Tobin, St. Louis, 382; Jackson, Chicago, 378; Risberg, Chicago, 375; Hooper, Boston, 369; Gandil, Chicago, 368; Lavan, Washington, 364.

Mogridge, New York; Covalock, Cleveland; Williams, Chicago, and Gallia, St. Louis are the leading pitchers, each having won four games and lost one.

Several square pianos, some six-octave organs, and a few upright pianos, that have been used and taken in exchange are offered at H. J. Smith and Co's this week at greatly reduced prices.

### MANUFACTURERS PROTEST CUTTING OFF GAS SUPPLY

Will Send a Deputation to Oppose Order of Municipal Board CONVENTION HERE

At a general meeting held in the Kerly House yesterday afternoon of the manufacturers of the Counties of Brant, Elgin, Oxford, Norfolk, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln and Wentworth, it was decided to send a delegation to Toronto, to arrange for a meeting in regard to the order for the curtailment of the gas supply of manufacturers in this district.

There was a representative attendance of about forty manufacturers present, many of whom were entirely dependent upon gas to operate their respective plants.

Mr. Champ, chairman of the Resolution Committee, read two motions made out by the committee which met earlier in the day.

Clause by clause the chairman of the committee read the first motion, respectively of the Government curtailing gas supply. The motion required 120,000 tons of coal to replace gas now used in the district. With prospect in view of a U. S. embargo to be placed on the coal export it would be difficult to replace coal as a means of fuel. Municipal and other essentials would therefore be greatly affected and the output reduced.

Natural oil and coal if used as a substitute for gas would make a large increase in the trade balance against the Dominion, and such a condition would of course be detrimental to the progress of the country.

The users of natural gas are as patriotic as other manufacturers and at all times do their utmost to conserve the fuel supply. In limited quantities at least natural gas should be allowed them and the country would be assured that this would be used with discretion.

This viewpoint was taken in regard to the resolution which was passed unanimously. The tone of which took place in that regard clearly showed the attitude of the manufacturers. All were united in believing the order a great mistake.

With no remedy in sight for the present inadequate electric supply it would be practically impossible to substitute electric power for that now used in most engines. Now would it be possible to substitute fuel oil.

Messrs. Champ, Verity, Clark, Donley, Hubbard, Edwards and Cameron, were appointed a committee to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Mines and other Cabinet Ministers of Toronto to receive a deputation from the industrial consumers of natural gas of this district.

Mayor MacBride was present and was called upon for a speech. The Mayor personally believed the gas curtailment order a great mistake and was in sympathy with the manufacturers effected. If anything there should be a greater development of the supply. The deputation were thanked by the Mayor for having chosen the "Telephone City" as their meeting place and extended an invitation to them to "come again."

### VINDICTIVE IS SUBMERGED AT EAST ENTRANCE

British Cruiser Went to Her Last Berth at Base of Ostend Harbor

SHELLED BY FOE GUNS

Terrific Fire by German Defenses Did Not Frustrate British

AIRMEN AIDED RAID

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 11.—The old cruiser Vindictive went to her last berth 150 to 500 yards within the piers forming the entrance to the harbor of Ostend, one of the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, in a terrific fire from the shore, the naval air force bombed the town and dropped bombs continuously on the harbor works, causing fires. Later, the airmen were assisted by destroyers and monitors in bombarding the enemy positions heavily.

The entire operation was carried out on lines similar to the raid on April 23, when concrete laden cruisers were sunk in the harbor of Zebrugghe, the most important German submarine base. For the second time in a month a smoke screen was used successfully. About 2 o'clock in the morning a large force of destroyers and coastal motorboats steamed up toward the shore, the motorboats going alongside it. The weather was everything desirable until 15 minutes before the Vindictive was sunk, when a sea fog drove inshore and reduced the visibility to a range of between 500 and 100 yards.

The Vindictive encountered the greatest difficulty in finding the entrance to the harbor. The enemy employed star shells and searchlights extensively, and for twenty minutes the vessel was in full view of the enemy batteries. As she cruised up and down seeking the entrance she was hit repeatedly and several casualties were sustained. It was 2 30 o'clock when the piers were sighted almost alongside, and then the German machine guns opened a fearful fire.

Having found his bearings, the captain swung his concrete laden cruiser around and rammed her stem against the eastern pier, leaving his lieutenant in command of the vessel with the object of sending the ship across the channel. He then discovered that the cruiser was aground and that it was impossible to turn her any further. He called his crew from the engine room and stokehold and then set off explosive charges.

Armen, according to the Central News report, say the Vindictive was lying submerged at an angle of forty degrees at the eastern entrance with her stem against the pier.

While the vessel was being abandoned, two motor launches were alongside under a heavy machine gun fire, and succeeded in bringing off the men, including the wounded.

Not Total Blockade London, May 11.—(Via Reuters' Limited)—It is declared on unquestionable authority that the Belgian cruiser Vindictive lies in the neck of the channel at the entrance to Ostend harbor at an angle of about 40 degrees. It is obvious that a vessel 300 feet long lying in a channel some 320 feet wide, but a very useful purpose has been served.

A partial and very serious blockade has been achieved, and under the conditions of the and rapid silencing of the Belgian coast, the obstruction will certainly tend to increase. It is not claimed that the sunken cruiser will prevent the egress of submarines or even directly stop that of destroyers. However, it will materially hamper both and that is important.

German light craft will not be able when pursued by British forces, to rush full speed into the harbor as they have done heretofore. Conditions were fairly favorable for the venture. That part of the Belgian coast is heavily armed and the small number of British casualties indicated the enemy was supplied with the latest and best equipment.

With regard to Zebrugghe the British Government is satisfied that German stories of unrestricted ingress and egress are inaccurate. Air photographs taken within the last fortnight are said to demonstrate clearly the falsity of the enemy statement.

In the case of Ostend, it is computed that at least three or four

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