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HAIG AGAIN PRESSES BACK HUN LINE

BRITISH DRIVE TURKS INTO MOUNTAIN RANGES

AN EARLY WARNING

WILL BE TURNED OVER FOR USE AS SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL

The Western University's grounds and buildings in the northwest section of the city will be turned over to the Hospitals Commission for Canada for the use of invalided soldiers, according to information received by The Advertiser today. The deal will be consummated this evening, when a special meeting of the board of governors will be held. For some time negotiations have been under way, and everything is prac-

The only question to be decided, and for which a solution has been arrived at, is the accommodation of the arts students. Quarters will have to be secured for lectures, etc., and Chairman C. R. Somerville will have a report on the best method of dealing with this problem. The housing of the divinity students at Huron College has been settled, the details of which cannot be secured at this

This building will give accommodation for at least 250 beds, and will be for the accommodation of the returned soldiers of No. 1 Military District. There are spacious grounds for exercising the men, and the location could not be better for hospital purposes.

Little information can be secured as yet, pending the settlement of certain problems that will be disposed of this evening.

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STAY NEUTRAL, BUT

Mediate Between Bellig-

erents.

Duration of War and After

Decided Upon.

WILL ACT TOGETHER

ELMER FISHER FALLS OFF DAM AND IS DROWNED

Six-Year-Old Boy First River Victim of Fishing Season.

TUGGED AT FAST LINE STUDY MINES QUESTION

Apparently Lost Balance and Economic Co-operation for Plunged Into Deep Hole.

north of the Dexter mill. As a result of the accident the mother is prostrated with grief, and owing to the fact that she has only partially recovered from a recent illness and came home from the hospital just about a week ago, it is feared that the sudden shock may seriously affect her health.

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"He asked his mother to let him go fishing," said Mrs. J. Sargent, who has been staying at the Fisher home in order to help Mrs. Fisher until she regains her health, "and I told her not to let him go, it seemed as if I had a presentiment that something was going to happen. The little fellow coaxed, so his mother told him he could go out here on the gravel, where it isn't deep." (Here she indicated a stretch of gravel along the river bank, about 300 yards from and in plain sight of the house. Elmer and his sister went to the dam, however, and it was there that the accident occurred. Little Violet was so excited that she was scarcely able to tell what happened. She first said that she did not see him fall; but later she said that his line had caught and in an effort to loosen it he had fallen in.

Child Was Excited.

At any rate, when she discovered what had happened, she ran to the house of Mr. Powers about a quarter of a mel away from the dam. In her excitement she passed by a number of men working at the Dexter mill, and had she told them it is possible that Continued on Page Three.

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NO ANNEXATION IS BASE OF HUN SOCIALIST OFFER TO THE RUSSIAN RADICALS

Amsterdam, May 12—Via London.— Referring to the Petrograd report that the peace terms formulated by the Gerocialists have been communicated M. Borgbjerg, the Danish Socialist men's and Soldiers' Delegates, the exec-utive committee of the German Socialist party has written to the Socialist news-paper Vorwaerts of Berlin: party has written to the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts of Berlin:
"We have not been informed what M. Borgbjerg actually said in Petrograd. In the discussion between M. Borgbjerg and representatives of the German Socialists' peace without annexation, which naturally includes the integrity of our country, was taken as the basis of negotiation. This in no way excludes the possibility of friendly agreement on the subject of adjustment of frontiers. No one would prolong the war a single day for that."

NO PEACE MESSAGE FROM GERMAN CHANCELLOR NOW

Copenhagen, Via London, May 12 .ermania, organ of the clerical indicates that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg does not intend to make a statement with regard to peace terms before the Reichstag. Chancellor you bethmann-Hollweg has evidently won over the Centrists and part of the National I bard delegation. National Liberal delegation to his view that a discussion of peace terms at the present time is inadvisable. In view of the general attitude of Phillip Scheidemann and other majority Socialist leaders it would not be surprising if the Socialists also abandoned their intention of forcing a present ing if the Socialists also attacked their intention of forcing a peace de bate. The result of the proposed in bate. The result of the proposed in terpellations is very probable to be a controversy between the opponents and supporters of the chancellor rather than a debate on peace possibilities.

night: Highest, 52; lowest, 33.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 35.

While in Englar met in Manchester.

DUTCH REPORT NAVAL FIGHT IN NORTH SEA: **NEW AIR RAID**

Flashes Indicate British Attack On Zeebrugge—Sounds of Sea Fight.

London, May 12 .- Flashes of light, indicating another aerial attack on Zeebrugge, were observed between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, a Reuter dispatch from Flushing, Holland, reports. Later heavy and continuous gunfire was heard from the west. It is believed a naval engagement was in progress.

Abandon Idea of Offering To BERLIN CLAIMS A SINKING. Berlin, May 12—Via London, 2:10 p.m.—The admiralty announces that a British destroyer was sunk in the enlight forces and their cruisers and destroyers. The announcement says the British admiralty already has asserted that it has disclosed the facts in connection with the engagements.

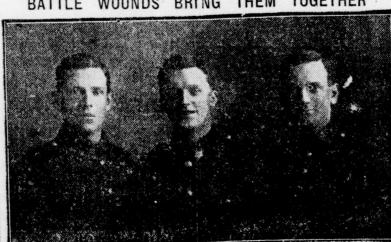
The British admiralty announced on Thursday that a scouting squadron of light cruisers and destroyers had routed eleven German destroyers while cruis-Elmer Fisher, the 6-year-old son of Roy Fisher, 4 Saunby street West London, was drowned when he fell into the river about 10:30 o'clock this more result of a three days' conference by and that the mother steers says that the conferees determin- on the British side one man was slightly

TURK REPORT SHOWS MAJOR MILT. FRANCIS HAS **BRITISH ARE ACTIVE** BEEN MADE COLONEL

"At Gaza great activity was observed enind the enemy's front on Tuesday enemy, and positions in the neighborood of Gaza were subjected to the fire the enemy's artillery. The activity is becoming more pronounced on both des."

was actively interested in militia matters, and was for a time an officer of the 96th Regiment. He went overseas with a western battalion, and was later transferred to a British Columbia regiment, with which he is still connected. He is making rapid advancement.

BATTLE WOUNDS BRING THEM TOGETHER



To have left London with three different units and at different times, and posed in- then to meet in England, was the unique experience of three London boys, Pte. F. T. Ball (left), Pte. Cuthbert Watkin (centre), and Gunner Bert Ball (right).

ats and The two Ball boys are brothers, and Pte. Watkin is their cousin. Pte. F. T. Ball left London with the 33rd Battalion, was transferred to the 2nd, and then to the 1st Battalion, and was wounded in he battle of the Somme on September 9th last. Pte. Watkin went away with the 70th, and also received Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during 6th London Field Battery, and was wounded last June. After eight months in the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last barracks in England he has been pronounced fit and returned to the front on barracks in England he has been pronounced fit and returned to the front on

While in England convalescing from their wounds, the brothers and cousin



Just Kids-The little lad who went to the river.

GERMANY USING EVERY SCIENCE TO PUT WORLD UNDERFOOT, BALFOUR TELLS AMERICANS

New York, May 12 .- In his speech New York, May 12.—in his speech at the banquet here last night, Mr. Balfour moved his hearers to high enthusiasm when he said: "We have not come here as instructors of the American republic, but it is inserted." important for me to proclaim my unalterable conviction that we have reached a crisis when the whole of its appeal for the preservation of 'What has brought us together?"

he asked. "What is the meaning to be found in the crowding of your streets in welcome to us? The answers lay in the fact," he said, 'that America has felt the menace of German autocracy," which he characterized as an "imminent and

Must Fight Barbarism. "What is that peril?" Mr. Bal-four continued. "I will tell you. It is the calculating and remorseless use of every civilized weapon to carry out the ends of pure bar-

every means of science, not to better their own people, but to dominate others. The world has been too full of unscrupulous ambitions for us not to recognize it in the present case. This is not an instance of an individual genius, another Napoleon, seeking to overcome the world. but something far different, far-

ALL NEW ENGLAND TURNS **OUT TO WELCOME JOFFRE;** FRENCH PARTY AT BOSTON

Boston, May 12.-Marshal Joffre and members of the French mission accompanying him, arrived here from New IN HOLY LAND WAR

Word has been received here that Major Milton Francis, son of the veteran postman, J. Francis, 1057 Richmond street, had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, following the battle of Vimy Ridge. Col. Francis is from Port Arthur, where he has extensive interests in music stores, and other forms of business. He is sactively interested in militia matters, and was for a time an officer. In the afternoon a military parade will thronged, not only with residents of the city, but with many who had come from all parts of New England to share in the acclaim to the hero of the Marne. In the afternoon a military parade will be the central feature of the day. The climax of the parade is planned to come on Boston Common. This will be the presentation to Joffre of a gold casket containing an order for more than \$150,000, contributed by New England citizens toward the support of fatherless children of France.

SERBIANS TAKE TRENCHES IN DOBROPOLYE REGION AND CAPTURE BULGARIANS

Saloniki, May 12.-Via London, 2:33 Saloniki, May 12.—Via London, 2:33 p.m.—Serbian troops have won further successes in the operations now in progress on the Macedonian front, capturing and holding against counterattack several trenches, in the region of Dobropolye. An official statement issued by the Serbian war office under Friday's date reads: issued by the Serbian war office under Friday's date reads:
"Yesterday our infantry carried by assault several enemy trenches in the region of Dobropolye. We repulsed in the course of the night several enemy counter-attacks, despite the asphyxiating gas which the enemy used. All the trenches captured remained in our hands. We took prisoner two officers and twenty men of the Bulgarian forces. forces.
"Our aviators bombarded enemy en-

campments at Kravitza and near Stara-LIEUT, WELLS DEAD. Montreal, May 12.—Lieut. C. A. Wells, son of the late Prof. Wells of Toronto, formerly principal of Moulton Ladies' at Arleux. He was first reported wounded. He is a stepson of Rev. Dr. O. C. S. Wallace, formerly chancellor of McMaster University, Toronto, and now of Montreal.

DANVIL H. Boutilie for some is a transfer to the rank his purpose line, according to the former with the Battalion.

more sinister-an attempt to use every means of science to put the world underfoot.

'Science has enormously expanded the ways and means of destruction, but always it has been believed and hoped that this would be controlled by considerations of humanity. We have been taught, however, a diferent lesson by the ruling force Germany; we have been taught that war has been made more heinous than ever. There is not a difference in any part of the world that German diplomacy has not tried to in-crease, that German money has not tried to aggravate. World Wet With Blood.

"That is the danger we all have to meet. If we have seen the world wet with blood from Armenia to the Strait of Dover, if we have seen horror heaped upon horror, we can rightly attribute it to that enemy Shall we who know what freedom is be the humble and obsequious servants of such a caste? The free men of earth cannot do so, and if any proof were necessary this great gathering of the three great de-mocracies, unique in all the history of the world, would give that power Unless all we who love liberty unite, we will all be destroyed piecemeal. This is the great thought I offer to you tonight, not from a foreign couna land of your friend and brother."

TURKS PRESSED BACK INTO JABEL RANGES BY MAUDE'S TROOPS

London, May 12-12:11 p.m.--"Since May 2 no events of importance have occurred in Mesopotamia," says an official statement issued today. "Our mobile columns operating in the basins of the Shatt-El-Adhem and Diala rivers have pressed the enemy back into the Jebel-Hamrin range, which runs in a northwest-erly and southeasterly direction some sixty to eighty miles from Bagdad."

By Majority of One Russ Workers Refuse Place in Coalition

Petrograd, May 12.—Via London.—The xecutive committee of the Council of Vorkmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has lecided, by a vote of 23 to 22, not to varticipate in the formation of a coalition Government. The question will be referred to a plenary meeting of the rouncil. It is understood that ministries of munitions, labor and relief will be created in the coalition government.

SHERBROOKE NURSE LOST WHEN TRANSPORT SANK

Sherbrooke. Que., May 12.—Nurse Edna Day, who is reported to have been lost with a British transport off Malta, was formerly connected with the Sherbrooke Hospital. She was a graduate of the institution and later acted as assistant superintendent for three years.

BRITISH GAIN OBJECTIVES RUSH AT DAYBREAK UPON HINDENBURG LINE

WAY TO VICTORY OF ALLIED PUSH

Wonderful Feats Performed by Corps From the Dominion.

ARE PLAYING BIG PART

Perfect Transportation and Supply Systems Gave Vimy Success.

[By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.]
Canadian Army Headquarters, May 12.

The proposal to send engineers from the United States to aid in working out engineering problems of the Allied nations arouses great interest here, where the extraordinary difficult conditions of transportation of men, munitions and supplies have been overcome under the direction of Canadian engineers. Engineers from Allied countries who have visited Vimy Ridge and the region behind express profound admiration and amazement at the magnitude of the work done in a few months, which vitally influenced the strategy of the Allies on the western front this year.

Vimy Ridge the Key.

The battle of Arras would have been impossible without carrying Vimy Ridge as part of the first phase. The Germans knew this and counted on preventing the development of Gen. Haig's plans for his great offensive on both sides of the Scarpe Aiver by holding Vimy Ridge at all costs.

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The capture of the position was assigned to the Canadians, a decision probably influenced much by their aptitude for and experience in the construction of transportation systems.

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Preparing for Drive.

For months before the assault men in thousands were building the waterworks plant and roads without which, it is now admitted, the conquest of the ridge and the holding of it after its capture, would have been impossible. The railway system, begun by the French during the campaign of 1915, was reconstructed and brought into general use and served the vital purpose in feeding both men and guns, without disclosing information of value to the enemy, who had his system of tunnels and subterranean accommodation of all and subterranean accommodation of al sorts for men and material.

Big Problems Solved.

It may be said that under the direction of Canadian engineers in many places galleries were constructed as quarters for troops and dressing stations for wounded. There were water pipes which fed taps at which the men could fill their water bottles or secure supplies for cooking or washing. There were also storage places for food and ammunition. Big Problems Solved. ammunition.

A water supply for over a hundred thousand men and almost fifty thousand horses in a circumscribed area was another great problem.

Streams miles back, an abandoned coal shaft and a spring on Vimy Ridge, almost under the Bosches' lines, were the chief sources of supply. Forty-five miles of four-inch pipe were laid sufficiently deep to protect them against shell fire.

Unique Trouble Overcome. It has been already told in dispatches of the tremendous labor involved in the construction and maintenance of roads construction and maintenance of roads and light railways. Some of the troubles were unique. Trees of wood near the front were cut down to provide material for plank roads, but were found to will cost \$8,500. The permit will be had played havoc with the teeth of the saws in a portable sawmill, and as no saws with individual teeth could be got, carry had to filed by haved after every saws had to filed by hand after every The plank roads and light railways were the only possible means of getting supplies up to Vimy Ridge after our artillery had destroyed the German road system.

The day before his death, Col. Britton reported the gallantry of a driver of a petrol engine who, when his cars, laden with shells and charges of cordite, took fire, hauled the burning explosives, at imminent risk of his life, to a point where he could get water from a shell hole and with the aid of some soldiers, to whom he set the example by his filling his helmet with water and throwing it on the flames, put out the fire. on the flames, put out the fire.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILD. Toronto, May 12-8 a.m. Today-Fresh northwest and north winds; fair.
Sunday — Moderate northwesterly
winds; fair, with a little higher temperature. Temperatures.

ENGINEERS PAVE British Troops Push Ahead at Bullecourt and North of Scarpe, Taking Prisoners---French Outposts Active in Alsace---Big Gun Duels at Verdun.

> London, May 12, 1:05 p.m .- The official statement given out here today says that British troops attacking the Hindenburg line have gained their objective and taken some hundreds of prisoners.

> The British attacked near Bullecourt, on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road, and north of the Scarpe River, last night and early this morning. The text of the statement reads:

> "Very successful operations were undertaken by our troops last night and early this morning. Attacks were delivered on the Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, also astride the Arras-Cambrai road and north of the Scarpe.

> "We gained our objectives at all points, and have taken some hundreds of prisoners."

PENETRATE GERMAN LINE.

Paris, May 12, noon .- Unusually heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front, in the region of Avocourt, today's official statement says. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and in the region of Bezonvaux.

Local fighting, resulting in our favor, also took place during the night east of l'Empire.

Successful raids, in which we captured several prisoners, were made by us last night east of Ypres.

THE GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, May 12 .- Via London, 4:31 p.m. German troops operating in the Cerny region on the Aisne front forced the French back yesterday at Bovelle Ridge, says today's army headquarters statement. Fifteen French and British airplanes were brought down on the western front during the day, it is announced.

THE WAR SITUATION

Telling blows were struck by the British at the Hindenburg line last night and early today. Near Bullecourt, where the main Hindenburg line has been pierced, a further successful thrust was made by Gen. Haig's troops. This was pushed home and the objective gained despite the desperate efforts which have been made during the past few days to compel the British to relax their unceasing pressure to relax their upon this vital spot.

Scarpe and along the Arras-Cambrai road, ground also was gained. The purpose of the attacks was com pletely attained, the London official statement declares. The German concentrations of men and guns here have evidently not been able to prevent Gen. Haig pressing ahead when he was ready, toward the Drocourt-Queant switch in the Hindenburg line protecting Doual in Northern France. Several hundred prisoners were taken by the British in these oper-

ations, which the official report characterizes as "very successful." French Outposts Active. On the Aisne and Champagne fronts the French are keeping up a destructive artillery fire and harry-the Germans by outpost attacks. Less energy is being displayed by the German artillery along the line held by the French, the only exception being the Verdun region, where violent big-gun fighting in the neighborhood of Avocourt wood is

Nothing spectacular has occurred paign in Mesopotamia since early this month, but an official state-ment issued in London today reports an important clearing operaion by the British. The Turks have now been driven out of virtually all the lowlands north of Ba; range, 60 to 80 miles from that city.

Paris, May 12.—The official state-ment follows: "The enemy's artillery fire along the Chemin-des-Dames was ess active last night. Our batteries kept up a destructive bombardment of the German organizations, and caused the explosion of a munitions depoi northeast of Juvincourt. Patrol 6n-gagements occurred in the region of Pantheon, south of Pargny, and in the Champagne, in the wood west of Mount "On the left bank of the Meuse

(Verdun front), there was violent art-illery fighting all night in the region of Avocourt wood, with no infantry actions. Our detachments penetrated the German lines north of Bezonyaux and at several points in Alsace, sector of Ammertz-Weiler we took a of the front the night passed in quiet.

PRESBYTERIANS OF WINNIPEG ORGANIZE AGAINST THE UNION

Proposed Church Merger Called Kaiserism by Rev. A. H. Berlis.

Winnipeg, May 12 .- An association whose purpose is to "preserve and coninue the Presbyterian Church in Can tinue the Presbyterian Church in Canada as it is at present constituted," was formed last night with Judge Robson as president, at a meeting of members of practically every Presbyterian Church in Winnipez.

Judge Robson, who was chairman of the meeting, read a telegram from Andrew Robertson of Toronto, who is at present in Vancouver, commending the purpose of the gathering. The chairman then said that the object of the meeting was not to discuss the merits or evils of union, but to organize the ways and means to carry a propaganda throughout the province whereby a fight Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 52 44 Clear Calgary. 82 36 Clear Winnipeg. 66 32 Clear Port Arthur. 56 34 Clear Parry Sound. 46 36 Clear Port Stanley. 52 36 Fair Buffalo. 50 36 Clear Toronto. 55 38 Fair Kingston. 50 49 Fair Ottawa. 52 42 Fair Ottawa. 52 42 Fair Quebec. 48 40 Rain Weather Notes.

The eastern disturbance is now centred off the coast of Nova Scotia, and is steadily decreasing in intensity.

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