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NEW GERMAN OFFENSIVE TO BEGIN SOON

FRENCH RECAPTURE HILL 44 AND STILL HOLD ENEMY OFF

Important Elevation Near Kemmel is Wanted by the Germans to Facilitate Next Attack Which is Expected Soon.

With the British Army in France, May 15.—Hard fighting continued today in the neighborhood of Hill 44, north of Kemmel, which was stormed and retaken last night by French troops. This much disputed elevation has changed hands many times recently, but the French were still holding the Germans off at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

ITALIAN STATEMENT.
Artillery Duels and Airplane Activity Feature Day's Operations.

ATTEMPTED RAID FAILS.
Germans Fail to Reach French Trenches Southeast of Juvincourt.

ENEMY DEPOTS BOMBED.
Paris, May 15.—An official statement says: "Eastern theatre—Artillery duels took place in the region of Doran, north of Mons, and on the Serbian front, where several enemy surprise attacks were repulsed."

AMERICAN AIRMEN DECORATED.
With the American Army in France, May 15.—American aviators today shot down three German planes in the East sector.

TEMPORARY PREMISES ARE BEING SOUGHT.
Dr. D. Bruce Macdonald Has Had No Official Intention as When College is to Be Vacated.

HUGHES AIDS WILSON.
Washington, May 15.—President Wilson has asked Charles E. Hughes to assist Attorney-General Gregory in investigating the aircraft situation.

NEW AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE TO LAST FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

No Formal Agreement Is Signed—Pact Imposes Stricter Military Obligations on Each Nation.
Washington, May 15.—According to a despatch from Switzerland, the Berlin newspapers indicate that the basis of a new treaty of alliance agreed upon at the recent conference between the German and Austrian emperors contemplates fixing twenty-five years as the period for the duration of the alliance, the imposition of stricter military obligations upon each nation and the regulation of economic relations so as to realize the Mittel Europa plan.

British Aviators Successful In Raids Over Enemy Towns

Tons of Bombs Dropped, Causing Heavy Damage, With Only Two Machines Missing in Two Days.

London, May 15.—The official statement on aerial operations issued tonight says: "In the air fighting Tuesday six hostile machines were brought down and one was driven down out of control; one was shot down by anti-aircraft gunfire and one by infantry fire. Two of our machines are missing."

AUSTRIA NEARS FINANCIAL ABYSS

Maximilian Harden Admits She Must Borrow Heavily After War.

Amsterdam, May 15.—In an article in Die Zukunft, entitled "Gordian Knots," Maximilian Harden analyzes Austria's deep-seated desire and need for peace in connection with the fact that the monarchy has an outlook and interests entirely different from Germany's, besides a most complicated nationality problem to solve.

MOUNTAIN CAPTURED IN BLOODY FIGHTING

Italians Re-establish Their Positions in Battasi Canyon by a Brilliant Bayonet Charge.
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, May 15.—Enemy groups continue their attempts to approach Mount Corno and reopen the line of advance thru the Val Area, but are repeatedly repelled by the Italian batteries.

MEN OVER NINETEEN CALLED TO COLORS

Official word of the government's decision to call up for military service men of 19, also those who attained 20 since Oct. 13 last, was received at Toronto military headquarters yesterday afternoon. The order reads: "Men of 19 and those who attained 20 on or since Oct. 13 last will be ordered to report by proclamation on or before June 1 next. Up to the date mentioned, such men may be created, regarding enlistment, as volunteers."

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI TAKE JUNCTION IN SIBERIA

Harbin, May 15.—The Karimskaya railway junction has been captured by Gen. Semonoff, the anti-Bolshevik leader.

ZAZULA RELEASED.

Windsor, May 15.—Arrested a month ago on suspicion of being a propagandist for the Bolshevik society, William Zazula, of Ford, was released today on orders of crown attorney Rodd.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT FAIL IN RAID UPON PARIS

French Defensive Barrage Keeps Enemy Machines Out—Suburbs Bombed.
Paris, Thursday morning, May 15.—Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the outlying suburbs of Paris late last night. None of the enemy was able to penetrate the defences of the city proper.

FOCH TO COMMAND IN ITALIAN THEATRE

Italy Puts Larger Perfectly Equipped Army in Field Than Last Year.

READY FOR AUSTRIANS

Allies in France Reorganize Forces so as to Give Pershing a Post.

Washington, May 15.—General Pershing probably soon will be commanding French and British troops as the process of brigading American units with their allies on the western front goes forward.

FIVE MILLION ACRES FARMED IN IRELAND

Big Increase in Tillage Results From War—Large Potato Exports.

Dublin, May 15.—Speaking today before the council of agriculture, the Right Hon. Thomas W. Russell, member of the house of commons for North Tyrone, said that Ireland would have almost five million acres under tillage this year, this being an increase of one million and a half. Three hundred thousand tons of potatoes, he added, would be exported, leaving a plenty behind. Flax had increased from £600,000 in value to nearly £750,000.

BRITISH TRADE CUT IN HALF THRU WAR

Sir Albert Stanley Utters Warning Cry Against Dependence on Foreigners.

London, May 15.—Introducing the board of trade estimates in the house of commons today, Sir Albert H. Stanley said that the volume of imports in 1917 was only two-thirds the volume in 1915. This year it was estimated that the volume would not present more than half of those of 1915.

STEAMER RUNS ON ROCKS.

Coastal Vessel Ethie Aground Near Cape Race—Feared Total Loss.

St. John's, Nfld., May 15.—The coastal mail steamer Ethie went on the rocks near Cape Race today, and until further notice such orders will be handled in the same way as formerly.

ULTIMATE NATIONALIZATION OF ALL CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Points of the Premier's Statement

Assets of the Canadian Northern are placed at \$528,000,000, and liabilities at \$488,000,000. The physical valuation is placed at \$398,000,000. Capitalization of railways, per mile: Canadian Northern \$44,000, Intercolonial \$65,000, National Transcontinental \$110,000, and Grand Trunk Pacific \$100,000.

RAILROAD TO IMPORT SOUTHERN NEGROES

St. Thomas, May 15.—Owing to the drastic shortage of firemen on the railroads in St. Thomas, caused by the amendment to the Military Service Act, the Pere Marquette Railroad is making preparations to bring in a large number of southern United States negroes to this city and other divisional points and speedily train them for the duties of firemen.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN U. S.

Parcels Delivered in Washington From New York in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

White Leaves Washington And is Coming to Toronto

Ottawa, May 15.—Having concluded his work at Washington for the present, Sir Thomas White left New York this evening for Toronto. It is understood that the minister expects to be in Ottawa early next week.

War News

Italians report artillery duels and patrol activity on the mountain front.

German aircraft bomb neighborhood of Dunkirk, causing unimportant damage.

French announce great activity by both armies in the region north of the Avre.

Four tons of bombs are dropped on Austrian aviation grounds in Plave valley.

Heavy artillery firing against the Germans still proceeds on the Franco-British front.

British aviators in Balkans bomb Bulgarian depots around Demir-Hisar and Ares.

Local fighting north of Kemmel, in Belgium, enables the French to make an advance.

Italian batteries disperse Austrian troops on the Col Caprelet road and Alano basin.

Russian soviet troops capture Rostov-on-the-Don from Germans, and enemy troops are retreating.

French aviation group drops about 15,000 pounds of explosives on railway station of Chatelet-sur-Returnne, in the Ardennes.

ANOTHER BIG DAY AT DINEEN'S.
This is the store where good value prevails. We fully believe there never was a time when the public were more eager to buy judiciously and at a profit.

Premier Borden Says That Negotiations Are Already in Progress for Acquisition of Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific.

Ottawa, May 15.—Negotiations for government acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway were announced in the house of commons today by the prime minister. The Grand Trunk Pacific, he declared, was a national enterprise "to which the credit of the Canadian people has been committed, and in my judgment it is expedient to maintain it and not permit to go into liquidation."

Ultimate Nationalization

"It may be possible," Sir Robert added, "indeed, I think it is probable, that at some near date, but not in the immediate future, all the land transportation facilities in Canada in the form of railways, may, so far as an operation at least is concerned, be amalgamated into one system, carried on under one management."

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