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B senate Reading Room ensive on Two Mile and Half Front Northwest of Rheims, Capturing First Line German Trenches---Craonne Also Falls Before Advance---Ally's Soldiers Take Seven Hundred and Fifty Prisoners---Canadians Beat Off All German Counter-Attacks and Begin Preparations for Advance on Drocourt Line.

Some Captured at Fresnoy Had Eaten Their Iron Rations.

LINE CAN'T BE SHAKEN

Enemy's Counter-Attacks Fail to Make the Least Impression.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France May 4 (via London).—Several counterattacks have been made by the German infantry on our new positions to

the north and south of Fresnoy, but have failed to shake our line. This morning reports show the conditions to be again normal, with our heavy artillery ammunition preparing the

way for the British and Canadian infanty by "taking on" the heavy gunss of the enemy in the rear of his lines.

To properly appreciate the present position it must be remembered that the enemy, in the region over which our further advance must be made, has no definite trench system, such as that captured during the past week, until the "Drocourt" line is reported, which is about three miles to the west of Donai, Four miles to the east of our present front, therefore, the German's only shelter from unreshell first greater the past of which is such trenches, as he can use or hastily dig here, and in the cellars of the villages. His losses under these conditions will be distinctly serious.

Enemy Losses Heavy.

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Enemy Losses Heavy. German documents, as well as the narrations of prisoners, indicate that the losses of the enemy divisions which held the line at Arleux and Fresnoy amounted to about haif the strength of his formations. German casualties were heavier yesterday than usual. His trenches were more strongly held than was customary because of his infantrymen advanced with a sureness born of ever-increasing confiintention to attack. We anticipated

The German bread ration, it is now it is possible from the heights to command no confirmed, was cut down on this front look upon pretty little French villages their tasks. on April first from 750 grammes to 500. Some of the men captured by us yesterday had eaten their reserve "Iron" rations because they were

JOFFRE ACCLAIMED BY CHICAGO CROWDS

Marshal is Cheered Wildly During Trip About Western City. Chicago, May 4.-The middle west

today gave to the war mission lead-

ers from France a welcome which brought from the lips of Marshal Joffre the exclamation "wonderful." It was Joffre who caught the popular fancy during the trip about the city. He was cheered wildly everywhere. He was dressed in his service uniform and rode thru miles of streets with hand almost constantly raised at salute in return for the cheers of the crowd. The deepest thrials which the crowds witnessed came in the welcome of "Young America," for the children never failed to recognize "Papa" Joffre on sight, nor he to catch their greetings At Joffre's side rode former Pre Viviani. Vice-Admiral Chocheprat and Lieut. Fabry, the latter known as the "Blue Devil of France,"

HAITI MAY DECLARE WAR UPON GERMANY

Loss of Haitiens on French Steamer Montreal Bitterly Resented.

shared generously in the crowd's ap-

Port au Prince, Haiti, May 4 .- President Artiguenave has sent a message to the senate and chamber of deputies in congress demanding a declaration of war against Germany, and a commission has been appointed to con-

sider the question. This action was taken in consequence of the fact that there were among the victims of the torpedoed French steamer Montreal, five Haitien members of. the crew and three Haitien passengers. The Montreal was plying between Bordeaux and Haiti.

The French steamer Montreal was of \$342 tons gross and 345 feet long. No previous report of her destruction had

Infantry Action Gives Place to Artillery Duel on Battlefront-Next Move is to Clear Pockets of Germans.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. With the British Armies in France, May 4 (evening), via London,-Infantry attacks and counter-attacks having subsided for the time being, there came from the battlefront tonight only the dull roar of the never-

There was stiff fighting all thru last night and early today as the Germans threw heavy reserves into counter-attacks which cost them Three dearly. These counter-attacks succeeded only in the neighborhood of Cherisy, where the British troops fell back from the more advanced posts'

occupied early yesterday. The new British line on the war maps has the appearance of a figure puzzle and really reflects the severity of the fighting which has surged back and forth during the last 48 hours. There are various "pockets" in the front that remain to be cleared out, and the artillery today was says: paying particular attention to them. The guns also make life very unpleasant for the German inhabitants of Oppy Wood.

The Canadians resisted all attempts to drive them from their newlywon position at Fresnoy, and further south the British troops, which penetrated another sector of the Hindenburg line, were holding tight to ened their positions in the sectors of their gains. New German units constantly are being identified among the Hindenburg line captured yester-

ALLIES WILL MARSHAL

Rationing of Holland and Scandinavia to

how best to marshal the resources been short of material because of the

further to restrict all products get-

ting thru to the aid of the enemy.

The highest officials who will have to the department of commerce in or-

to deal with these matters met in der that a joint arrangement might be joint session to discuss the results of worked out.

Lansing, Secretary Redfield and system built up during neutranty thru Dr. E. E. Pratt of the commerce determinent, Counseller Polk and Southeast and Southeast Southea

British, Mr. Balfour, Sir Eric Drum- bills now before congress, however, it

reached, the conference went over such present system would be superfluous. problems as trading with the enemy,

means of arriving at accurate statistics to show how much in different lines the allies need and how much

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Along Whole Southern Front.

for the allies and how most certainly failure in the Australian supply

their various inquiries. For America, there were present besides Secretary

export restrictions, the rationing of Holland and Scandinavia and the

this country can supply.

The mass of detail was found to be

so great that two committees were formed to divide the work between them and report later. One included

Lord Percy, Dr. Pratt and Wilbur J. Carr, chief of the consular service.

and the other Sir Eric Drummond and

The recent activity of the German ing all about them. ... artillery lent far more color to the They are not immuneness born of ever-increasing confidence in the efficiency of their gun-

They are not immune—these under we are. They sam to have a 'slor all their own. They have none of the excitement of the actual fighting, and must go coolly about their duty with death ever near them. They grow remarkably indifferent to face, and there is never a word of command needed to keep them at

British Strengthen Positions Taken in Thursday's Fighting.

SEVERE AIR FIGHTING

Machines Brought Down and Five Put Out of Control.

London, May 4.—The war office

"The num in yesterday's operations exceed nine hundred, including twenty-eight offi-

the great power exercises the great power exercises and another was compelled to land behind our lines.

The Morning Report.
The British last night made progress northwest of St. Quentin and northeast of Hargicourt, capturing Malakoff farm, the war office announces. On the Arras front the British have main tained their hold on Fresnoy and all the positions captured in that neigh-borhood in yesterday's drive. The British were compelled to fal back from the advanced positions captured yesterday in the neighborhood

of Cherisy and astride the Arras-Cam-brai road, the statement adds. The official statement issued from general headquarters at 12.11 p.m.

"Severe fighting has taken place in the neighborhood of Bullecourt. East of the village the enemy made a heavy counter-attack at \$.45 o'clock last night, upon the sector of the Hindenburg line captured by us yesterday morning. The attempt failed complete-AMERICA'S RESOURCES British Mission Consults American Officials on by and the enemy's attacking troops

Washington, May 4.—Direction of America's vast commercial resources in the common struggle against Germany formed the basis of a formal conference between officials of the British mission and conference between officials of the British mission and conference between freely than previously to the common struggle against Germany formed the Basis of the British mission and conference between officials of the British mission and conference between freely than previously to conference between freely than previously

of a formal conference between offi-cials of the British mission and American officials today.

Two control of the between offi-disposition has been shown to co-ope-rate more freely than previously to American officials today.

Two general subjects were taken up a delegation of wool dealers who have

TROOP TRAIN STONING **ENQUIRY BOARD NAMED**

Prominent Military Men Appointed to Investigate Ottawa Newspaper's Allegation.

Ottawa, May 4.-A military board

ous inquiries. For America, o present besides Secretary Secretary Redfield and system built up during neutrality thru of inquiry has been appointed to in-quire into the charges which first apcitor Wolseley of the state department and F. M. Halstead, chief of
the customs department, and for the eared in the Ottawa Journal that troop trains had been stoned while passing through the Province of Quebec. The matter was brought to the attention of the house by John Best, of Dufferin, and Sir Edward Kemp British, Mr. Balfour, Sir Eric Drum-mond, his private secretary, and Lord Eustace Percy, trade expert.

While no definite decisions were Transport successful and that the promised at that time that an inquiry would be made. The board which will make the inquiry consists Montreal, son of Rev. Mr. Barclay, IN FIGHTING ITALIANS Usual Artillery Activity Continues

A BIG DAY AT DINEEN'S.

Rome, May 4. (via London)-"In the and the other Sir Eric Drummond and Messrs Wolse'ey and Halstead. The United States now has begun to point out to the allies some of its own great necessities in certain trade lines in which this country is entirely dependent on them. Up to the time the United States entered the war many products could be imported here only if there were a surplus at the point of our machines hombed a railway centre. This is the last day of the Dineen Fire Sale—the wird-up of a most successful selling event. Such barga'ns are now presented as have not been available before from any source in products could be imported here only aircraft. Last night, a squadron of there were a surplus at the point of our machines bombed a railway centre men's hats and raincoats. See the production over the needs of the allies. hear Sesana. Hostile aircraft dropped and also on condition that agreements bombs on Fogliano and San Grado, "World," and visit the store—Dineen's the reichstag in an endeavor to smoke the r and also on condition that agreements bombs on Fogliano and San Grado, be signed that the products be not causing damage." 140 Yonge street.

FRENCH TAKE CRAONNE ADVANCE THREE MILES

BULLETINS

CLASH IN PETROGRAD.

Petrograd, May 4, via London, May 5, 5.44 a.m.—A clash between rival parties has occurred in the Nevsky Prospect, in which a number of shots were fired. An officer and a girl are reported killed and several persons wounded. The city is in a turmoil of excitement.

OLD BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK.

London, May 4.—The loss of a torpedo boat destroyer and of probably French. More than 150 prisoners as one officer and 61 men is announced by the admiralty in a statement issued | well as several points of support north

SOCIALISTS' PEACE CONFERENCE.

Amsterdam, May 4, via London.—A despatch to the Socialist journal, splendidly carried out we gained pos-Het Volk, from Stockholm says the Dutch delegation to the international session of the Village of Craonne and socialist bureau reports that the preliminary conferences of the various several points of support east and socialist bureau reports that the pretiminary conferences of the north of that locality. The number of sections of the congress will begin May 15. The general conference, the prisoners accounted for up to the presdespatch adds, will not take place before June 10.

into the war at an early date seems inevitable. A dissolution of parliament in the date of the seems inevitable. A dissolution of parliament is threatened if parliament fails to declare a state of hostilities. Owing to the great power exercised by the military party the senate probably will set the champagne the artillery

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLING SITUATION

Conciliatory Attitude Taken Restores Order in Petrograd, Where Garrison Remains Loyal-Hope Felt That Friction With Council

Will Be Removed. "The Village of Fresnoy and our positions which we had captured north and south of it were subjected to severe hostile counter-attacks."

Petrograd. May 4, via London, May the ministers were roundly cheered at times, and there was almost no unfriendliness in evidence. Whether the vere hostile counter-attacks vertexes to be some of the ministers of the governevening. All our positions in this neighborhood were maintained and the enemy repulsed.

ments and the councils of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies in the
men's and soldiers' deputies in the
Marinsky Palace, the council announcmined.

iy and the enemy's attacking troops lost heavily.

"Fighting has also taken place during the night in the neighborhood of Cherisy and astride the Arras-Cambrai road. In these areas our troops plained the massing.

was back of the temporary govern-ment. At one o'clock in the morning crowds beseiged the palace. General Korniloff, commander of the Petro-

Press, the following statement:

"To-day's meeting of the troops before the Marinsky Palace apparently was the result of a misunderstanding created by agitators who used the created by agitators who used the church, Seaforth; St. Johns, P.Q.; Church, Montreal, and canon canon was the result of a misunderstanding created by agitators who used the government note to excite the soldiers. A majority of the soldiers, however, have shown that they fully under-

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GERMANY DISRUPTED BY BITTER FACTION FIGHTS

Big Annexationists, Little Annexationists and Advocates of No Annexation and No Indemnities Press Arguments --- Von Bethmann-Hollweg in Grave Predicament.

Copenhagen, via London, May 4 .- him to declare himself for or against The silence of German Imperial Chan- the Scheidemann program. cellor von Bethmann-Hollweg concerning Germany's peace terms, if, as declared, it is based on a desire to avoid disrupting the unity of feeling mander of the 18th Battalion, was in the country by discussion of contenhas been invalided home, and who tious questions, and not, as some unwill act as chairman; Col. Barclay, of charitable German critics assert, upon and a well-known military man; and the establishment of a definite peace Col. Ostell, commander of the 65th policy, has failed of its object. An Carabineers of Montreal, one of the acrimonious controversy is now raging most prominent French-Canadian in Germany between the big annexano indemnities whatever.

The Pan-German League has sent ings everywhere in the interests of greater power for Germany. "German peace" and against the Social- The Socialists' meetings, on the othout Von Bethmann-Hollweg and force (Concluded on Page 14, Column 3).

The Radicals have introduced a sim-

ilar interpellation in the Prussian Diet. The revival of the activity of the mperialistic organizations of agriculture and industry, who were responthe establishment of a definite peace sible for the famous suppression circular of the six leagues with a sweeping acrimonious controversy is now raging innexationist program in 1915, is marked by the issue of a stiffly wordtionists, the little annexationists and ed pronunciamento from a long list the advocates of no annexations and M agricultural, industrial and even religious organizations. The Pan-Ger- Message." man League and the Army and Navy circulars to its branches thruout the Leagues are demanding peace with incountry asking them to organize meet- lemnities, increased territories and

Toronto. Furs, millinery, silk and "German peace" and against the SocialThe Socialists' meetings, on the othsurvived by Mrs. Mills and one son,
wool sweaters, hats, raincoats, and ists' peace arguments. The Socialists or hand, are making and strengthenMajor Arthur Mills, now at the front.

Six Hundred Prisoners Captured in Successful Operation Northwest of Rheims and 150 in Occupied

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 600 pris-

On the eastern end of the Vauclero Plateau, the statement from the war office this evening adds, the Viliage of Craonne has been captured by the and east of Craonne also fell into the hands of General Nivelle's forces.

The text of the statement reads: "During the day in an operation

prisoners accounted for up to the present is 150.

"To the northeast of Rheims, after a heavy articlery preparation, we started this morning an attack in which our troops have captured the present is 150.

Peking, May 4.—(Passed by censor after deletions).—The entry of China first German line on a front of four kilometres. We have taken about the present in the contraction of partiement kilometres. We have taken about the contraction of partiement kilometres.

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,
"Belgian communication: 'Intermittent cannonades have occurred on sev-

tent cannonades have occurred on several parts of the front.'
"Allied aviators bombarded the German aviation centre of Ghistelles (Flanders) on the night of May 3-4, Belgian aviators alone dropped 1500 kilograms of projectiles."

BISHOP OF ONTARIO DIES AT KINGSTON

Right Rev. Dr. W. L. Mills Held High Offices in Anglican Church.

In the early hours of the morning delegates from the Tsarkoe-Selo garrion arrived in Petrograd bringing assurances that the entire garrison assurances that the entire garrison prominent church figures, died last night at his home in Kingston, Onta, back of the temporary governing to be a first year.

in his 71st year. Born in 1846 at Woodstock, he was grad garrison, gave to the Associated School, Huron Collegiate and the Press, the following statement:

Trinity Church, Montreal, and camon of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. In 1885 he was appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Montreal, which position he held up to 1896, when he was made Archdeacon of St. Andrews, P.Q. Promotion still followed him, and in 1900 he was appointed Coadjutor-Bishop of Ontario, and in 1901 Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario, which office he held up to the time of

which office he held up to the time of his death.

Held Many Honors.

He was honored with degrees from many universities, including Trinity, where he received his B.D. and D.D.; Bishops' College, Lennoxville, D.D. and D.C.L.; and LL.D. from Queen's.

He was a life governor of the Montreal Diocese Theological College a member of the executive of the Mission Board of the Church of England, and vice-president of the Lord's Dsy Alliance. He attended many congresses in his lifetime, including the Pan-Anglican at London, Eng., in 1908, and the Anglican Church congress at Halifax in 1910. He was also a delegate in 1907 to the tercentenary a delegate in 1907 to the tercentenary celebration at Richmond, Va. He married in 1886 Katherine Sophia Bagg, of Montreal, and was pre-sented with her to the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra in 1908. An interesting incident in his life was his initiation as a full member of the Mohawk tribe of Indians, with an Indian title, which in English would read, "The Bearer of An Important

Bishop Mills was a man of abounding generosity. His gifts and sub-scriptions to diocesan funds were large, as were his private benefactions, the the extent of the latter was only known to very few. Bishop Mills is survived by Mrs. Mills and one son,