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French Official Via St. Pierre

Paris, via St. Pierre, May 6.—North of Ypres we easily repulsed a night attack debouching from Steenstraat. North of Ypres, the Germans attacked near Zwartelene, trenches of Hill 60, captured last month by the British troops. Their very fierce attack, during which they again used asphyxiating gases, at first gave them possession of this position, but our Allies counter-attacked and recaptured part of the lost ground.

Dardanelles Forts Out of Action

London, May 7.—Certain forts at Chanak and Kild Bahr in the Dardanelles have been silenced, while some of these on both sides of the waterway up to Nagare, probably also are out of action, says a despatch to the Chronicle from Mytilene. In the Dardanelles artillery exchanges between warships of allies and shore positions of Turks continue. Some vessels are firing from the Gulf of Saros, making one of inflammatory shells. The town of Maidos was set on fire yesterday.

Austrian Prisoners Abuse Privileges

Omsk, Siberia, April 30.—Governor Schmidt, of the Omsk district, issued an order to-day reminding the conduct and curtailing the privileges of Austrian war prisoners in this district, who are declared to have been guilty of abuse of the comparative freedom granted to them.

Tallest Yet

An edifice to be known as the Pan-American building is planned for erection in New York city, and if built will put the other sky-scrapers in the shade, for the plans call for a building 1,001 feet high, to be constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000.

Prismatic Screen For Moving Pictures

A new moving picture screen, the largest, heaviest and most expensive in the world, has been installed at the New York Hippodrome to overcome the difficulties encountered in projecting pictures in so large a house.

MODIFIED DRAFT OF DEMANDS MADE BY THE JAPANESE

Before Chinese President and Advisers—Concessions Japan Now Asks From China—How Amended Differs From Original Document

Peking, May 3rd.—With the new draft of the Japanese demands on China now in the hands of the Chinese foreign minister, Lucheng-Hsiang, interest is aroused in the nature of the modifications which Japan has made in the original document. President Yuan Shi-Kai and his advisers have carefully examined the demands as amended, but no decision has been reached and they are likely to be the subject of further discussions.

Germany Prepares For Long War

London, May 1.—State Counsellor Gutschalk of Germany announced that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has directed the German Chambers of Commerce to systematize the buying of a four-year food supply for the nation, declaring that it is necessary to be prepared for that period.

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by August 31, 1915, has now become 90 guineas per cent., or, to explain, a premium equivalent to \$472.50, is charged on every \$500 policy that the last day of August will see peace.

Satisfactory Conditions At the Dardanelles

Premier Asquith Details Operations in House of Commons—Praises the Gallantry of the Soldiers and Magnificent Co-Operation of the Allied Fleet

London, May 6.—Operations in the Dardanelles are being pressed forward under highly satisfactory conditions. Premier Asquith told the Commons, this afternoon in the course of a statement upon the combined naval and land attacks on Gallipoli Peninsula. The Premier spoke, in part, as follows:—

At daybreak on April 25th, the landing occurred, the troops making use of six landing places. By nightfall, 29,000 men had been disembarked in the face of fierce opposition by infantry and artillery entrenched behind successive lines of wire entanglements.

British Cabinet And Drink Question

London, May 7.—The Cabinet considered the drink and tax questions at a meeting yesterday, according to the Daily Mail and it was decided to abandon entirely the proposals now before Parliament, and new alternative proposed by the Chancellor, Lloyd-George, was favourably received.

Railway Rights Demanded.

The new draft of article five says that China must grant to Japan the right to build railways demanded, subject to Japan reaching an arrangement with an unnamed power (Great Britain) or she must grant Japan these concessions unless it can be shown that they have already been granted to another power.

Question of Religion.

Regarding Buddhism, as set forth in article seven, China must recognize Japan's right to discuss this at a future date.

Stubborn Fight On Hill No. 60

Enlist Forces Regain Lost Trenches—Fighting Still Continues

Japan Gives China Till Sunday Evening to Make up her Mind

Tokio, May 6.—An official announcement was made here this afternoon that Japan had sent an ultimatum to China.

Lightning Speed

Averaging 132 words a minute for one hour, notwithstanding deductions of five words each for 44 errors, Mary Bowen, of Passaic, N.J., made a new world's record for speed in typewriting at Boston, Monday.

A young clergyman, small of stature, preaching as a candidate in a certain place one Sabbath, peering over the pulpit Bible, announced as his text: "It is I. Be not afraid."

RUSSIANS FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE SWEEPED BACK BY AUSTRO-GERMANS

Who Have Massed Big Army of 700,000 Men in Western Galicia—Many Veterans From Western Front

Petrograd, May 6.—The Russian War Office admitted to-day that the first line of defences of the Russian troops in Western Galicia have been carried by Austro-German forces. In that region, but asserted that all attacks on the second line have been repulsed.

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Russians Halt German Advance

Petrograd, May 6.—Military experts assert that the Austro-German advance has now been halted and fresh Russian troops will be able to regain the lost ground.

War Clouds Break Away

Tokio, May 6.—A sudden change for the better in the acute situation involving China and Japan, developed this afternoon. It is now regarded as possible that war between the two countries may be averted.

The Trouble In the Orient

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Irish Nationalists Oppose Liquor Taxes

London, May 6.—Determined opposition of Irish Nationalists and Independent Irish Nationalists, who joined forces to-day to oppose the new liquor taxes of Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, forced the Government to postpone until next week the second reading of the bill embodying the Chancellor's plan.

Every Family Represented

A German daily paper says: "In Germany there is absolutely not a single family now that has not had a son, a father, a brother, or a near kinsman killed or wounded in the war."

CHINA IS PEACEFUL

Tokio, May 7th.—Despatch to Nishi Nishi from its Peking correspondent says: China last night informed the Japanese Minister, Hioki, that it desired to arrange a settlement of demands in such a way as to avoid rupture.

Britain Adopts New War Measures

London, May 7.—An official proclamation announced to-day prohibits the carry into Britain of Belgian bank notes. Prohibition of the exportation of British coal anywhere, except to British possessions and British allies, also was officially gazetted to-day.

Botha Makes Victorious March

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United States Position Defined

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Open Door Policy and Integrity of China Must be Maintained— Sole Interest of U.S. is That Negotiations be Concluded Satisfactorily to Both Sides

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