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NO GREAT FIGHTING
BUT ALLIES GAIN

French Improve Position Near Loce—
London Cheerful But Hard Fighting
For Months Ahead Before German Is
Exhausted

London, May 1.—French troops last night improved their positions in the neighborhood of Loce, on the Flanders front. The British rushed German posts in the Meteren sector and took prisoners.

British Headquarters in France, April 30.—(via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Prisoners showed considerable dejection at the failure of Von Arnim's heavy thrust and admit that the task ahead of the German army threatens to bleed the fatherland of its manhood.

CHANGE MUST COME,
SAYS VON HERTLING

Electoral Reform in Germany—
Rights to People or They Will
Be Forced

Amsterdam, May 1.—Declaring that plutocratic suffrage, giving political rights to wealth, is no "longer possible in our nation," Chancellor Von Hertling has informed the lower house of the Prussian Diet that it must pass the electoral reform bill or give up more rights in the struggle through force. He threatened the Prussians with revolutions if they did not meet the demand speedily.

Apparently the chancellor feared grave disorders if the reform bill, which he admitted, was hedged around with safeguards, was not passed. A motion to postpone action was defeated by five to three.

Herr von Heydebrand, Conservative, declared that if equal suffrage, as the character of the lower house would be changed and it would not be possible longer to maintain the Prussian state as it is.

The unrest among the people ought not to last much longer, and an agreement was quite possible, said Herr Friedberg, vice-president of the Prussian ministry.

Herr Porsche, a Centrist, said that a small section of the population would support it, but the majority would support it.

ALLIED SUCCEEDS MAKES
MARKET TONE STRONG

New York, May 1.—Further successes of the Allied forces and the favorable quarterly statement of the United States Steel Corporation imparted a strong tone to stocks at the opening of today's market. Steel's initial offering consisted of 6,000 shares at \$5 1/2 to \$6, an extreme gain of 1-3/8.

Bethlehem Steel, Superior Steel, Republic Iron, American and Baldwin Locomotive, American Car, American Can, Central Leather, Distillers and Atlantic Gulf enhanced the other strong industrial and specialties, but rails made only slight response. Liberty bonds were steady.

The usual realizing for profit resulting from the first advance, leaders yielded large fractions. Prices steadied again on renewed buying of U. S. Steel and other active industrials and equipments, some of which increased their first gains. Offsetting features included Utah Copper, Agricultural Alcohol, American Tobacco and Brooklyn Rapid Transit, which were under pressure at average recessions of a point. Trading became quiet at noon when another moderate reaction occurred. Liberty 81-2's sold at 99.06 and 99.10, first 4's at 98.70 to 98.78, and second 4's at 98.76 to 98.82.

NEW WATER MAINS
BEFORE PAVEMENT Laid

It will be necessary for the water and sewerage department to lay a new water main in the lower end of Main street, before the contractors can lay the new permanent pavement. The main now in use is not of sufficient capacity, according to the standards of the department, and it will be replaced before the pavement is laid. Meanwhile, the work of re-laying the curbing is going on steadily.

Somewhat the same condition exists in Union street, which is to be paved from Charlotte to Dock streets. An old main which serves part of the street is to be abandoned and employees of the department are to be put at work on the job of transferring all the service pipes it feeds to the newer main which runs through the street.

Commissioner Fisher this morning expressed disappointment that the citizens had not joined more readily in the movement to clean the sidewalks by sweeping off the sand, etc., from in front of their properties.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE OF ALLIES AT VERSAILLES

Versailles, May 1.—An important conference of the allied nations will open here today and will be carried over to tomorrow. The participants comprise Premier Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando of Great Britain, France and Italy, respectively, and the representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States in the supreme war council.

LONDON MORE
CHEERFUL OVER
BATTLE NEWS

Marked Improvement in Tone of the Expert Writers
IT IS VERDUN OVER AGAIN

London, May 1.—The failure of the German attacks southwest of Ypres on Monday with the immense losses to the enemy is commented on here in a hopeful and more confident tone, which is in marked contrast with some recent comments on news of the progress of the German advance toward the channel ports. The consensus of opinion is that the enemy on Monday suffered the most severe and costly repulse since he began his offensive on March 21, and it is contended that if the terms of victory and defeat are applicable to single phases in such a prolonged battle then the Allies on Monday won a very substantial victory.

Comparison is made between the present operations and the French defeat at Verdun, and the opinion is expressed that the German experience on the Verdun front is being repeated in their effort to capture the group of hills southwest of Ypres. The enemy's failure up to this time to achieve his object and especially his bloody repulse on Monday are regarded as ominous signs of a hopeful augury for the future of the Allied defence.

Nevertheless, the commentators warn against optimism. They remark that, although the enemy has been foiled, it does not mean necessarily that the Allied plan has been abandoned, but rather that it has been suspended in favor of an attack at some point where a successful defence seems less assured.

Another Rumor That Germans Have Captured Entire Black Sea Russian Fleet

Washington, May 1.—Recent reports from Finland through Copenhagen that a revolt in Petrograd had resulted in the restoration of the monarchy emanated from Berlin, in the opinion of a French newspaper as given in an official despatch today from France.

The French press is advised to accept the news with great caution since it has not been substantiated by late reports either from Finland or Moscow or by the Allied ministers in Sweden.

Moscow, April 30.—By the Associated Press.—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister of war and marine, last night urged the issuance of a decree for compulsory military service.

"Fearing destruction, Russia must have an army," he said. "We do not know the hour when we will be openly challenged by the imperialist enemy threatening us in the east." The central executive adopted a resolution to this effect.

There has been a report here that the entire Black Sea fleet has been captured by the Germans.

FEWER IMMIGRANTS
BY A FULL MILLION

Washington, May 1.—Immigration from Europe fell one million during the United States' first year of the war, according to statistics made public today by the bureau of immigration.

WEATHER
REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—Pressure is now high over the middle and southwestern states, while moderate depression covers Manitoba and the New England states. A few light scattered showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and a general rain fall is reported in the Maritime provinces.

Forecasts
Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds, fair and cool; Thursday, moderate to fresh south to southwest winds, fair and warmer.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—A moderate to fresh northwest to west winds, generally fair and cool; Thursday, fair with rising temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fresh north to west winds, cool with some showers.

Clearing Tomorrow
Maritime—Fresh to strong south to west winds, rain, clearing on Thursday. Superior—Fresh south to west winds, fair and milder today and on Thursday.

All West—Fine today and on Thursday. New England—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight, probably heavy frost if weather clears; moderate northwest winds becoming variable Thursday.

Conscription In
Ireland Postponed

Act May Not be in Operation for Some Weeks and Home Rule Bill in Meantime Likely

London, May 1.—An order-in-council has been issued further postponing the operation of the national service act, or conscription, as respects Ireland beyond May 1, to which it had been postponed previously.

Some of the morning newspapers say the postponement is due to the government's wish to introduce a home rule bill and to see what measure of success it gets before proceeding to enforce conscription in Ireland, which, it is said in some quarters, is not likely to be attempted in the next few weeks.

Opinion in the public mind is that a home rule bill will be presented in the House of Commons this week, but the difficulties of drafting it have not been overcome yet.

LLOYD GEORGE'S LABOR DEPUTATION
London, May 1.—Members of a labor deputation who waited on Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons on Monday in regard to the Irish conscription, admit, says the Daily Telegraph, that Lloyd George spoke frankly and firmly and listened patiently to a statement prepared by Arthur Henderson upon representations made by a deputation of Irish trade unionists and a lengthy explanation by J. H. Thomas, M. P. for Derby, who had been in Ireland on business of the employers' association.

Premier Lloyd George promised that the cabinet would consider fully the Irish conscription, but he held out no hope, so far as he was concerned personally, for any change in the policy of the government. In a speech the premier insisted that equal rights of citizenship involved equality of duty and responsibility, and that Ireland cannot take all the advantages accruing to its association with Great Britain while refusing to bear a share in the burdens and sacrifices of the United Kingdom of which it is a part.

The Daily Telegraph reveals that Ireland did not refuse the gift of old age pensions from an English parliament, nor the advance of money for the purchase of land and the building of factories.

Many laborites who oppose conscription in Ireland do so, not from principle, because they believe it is not wise in existing circumstances.

Catholic Union of Great Britain
London, May 1.—The Catholic Union of Great Britain, an industrial organization which includes many titled persons and other prominent Catholics, has sent to Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state for submission to Pope Benedict, a series of resolutions passed by it regarding the conscription of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland in opposing Irish conscription, "thereby apparently supporting organized resistance to law."

The resolutions express the opinion that the Irish ought to share in the defence of the empire and to keep the soldiers who are exposed through a conscription forced on the world "by a cruel and unchristian policy."

There are serious misgivings, it is added, on the interference of ecclesiastical authority in purely temporal and political questions.

WHOLESALE FLOUR
AND FEED MEN TO
BE UNDER LICENSE

Ottawa, May 1.—Wholesale dealers in flour and feed will be brought under the license system of the Canada Food Board by June 1. An order today provides that on and after that date no person shall deal wholesale in flour, bran, shorts or other feeds made from seeds or grains, or products of seeds or grains, hay or straw, without having obtained from the food board either a four and feed wholesaler's license, or a four and feed broker's license.

Certain regulations designed to prevent profiteering and to keep the selling prices of these products at a reasonable amount are included in the order.

Destruction of any food or feed products which are fit for human, animal or poultry consumption is made an offence and licenses are prohibited from knowingly permitting waste, or willfully preventing preventable deterioration.

Dealings with persons who have not complied with the license regulations of the Canada Food Board are made illegal.

CRUDE RUBBER PUT ON
RESTRICTED IMPORT
LIST BY WASHINGTON

Washington, May 1.—Crude rubber has been placed on the restricted import list by the war trade board, effective today, and rules and regulations will soon be promulgated so as to govern the industry that the limitation of imports will not result in hoarding, speculative dealing and profiteering.

RECORD NUMBER OF
SUBSCRIBERS FOR
THE LIBERTY BOND

Washington, May 1.—All records for number of subscribers to Liberty bonds were broken today, when treasury tabulations showed that approximately twelve million persons have bought bonds of the third issue. Total subscriptions were sent above \$2,500,000,000 by early reports.

OPPOSITION WINS IN
DANISH ELECTIONS

Copenhagen, May 1.—Final returns on the voting for members of the Landsting, the upper house of the Danish parliament, show a victory for the opposition parties led by former Premier Christensen. They elected forty-five members, as against twenty-seven by the Socialist and Radical parties, which have been in control for the last four years.

NEPHEW OF SIR LOMER
FOR THE FLYING CORPS

Quebec, May 1.—Hon. Adelaide Turgeon, who has been put in charge of the recruiting for the Royal Flying Corps, has gone to Montreal in connection with recruiting. Applications have been received since yesterday from young men who would become aviators and among them is Rene Fautoux of the Montreal Polytechnical School, son of Dr. Fautoux of Beauveille and a nephew of Sir Lomer Gouin.

FOURTEEN DEAD IN
LIST OF AMERICANS

Washington, May 1.—The casualty list today contained seventy-two names, divided as follows:
Killed in action, eight; died of wounds, one; died of accident, one; died of disease, three; died of other causes, one; wounded severely, five; wounded slightly, fifty-one; missing in action, two.

Says Minister
Did Interfere

Sought To Have Some Things Kept From Public
LORD SHAUGHNESSY AGAIN C.P.R. HEAD

Annual Meeting of C. P. R. Occupies Only 18 Minutes

President Reviews Financial History of Company—Success in Part Due To Keeping Down Fixed Charges and Tapping Productive Territory

Montreal, May 1.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway was held this afternoon. Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the board of directors, in his annual statement reviewed the financial history of the company. He said that notwithstanding the low price at which the original \$50,000,000 common stock was sold, \$46 a share, the entire \$260,000,000 common stock now outstanding has yielded to the company's treasury in cash an average of \$113 for each \$100 of stock and, if the sums provided for capital out of surplus earnings are considered, the shareholders paid an average of \$148 for each \$100.

It was shown that the success of the company was not due to advantageous freight rates, because the Interstate Commerce Commission statistics proved that the average rates per passenger and freight mile received by the company were lower than those received by any combination of railways in the United States constituting a through route from coast to coast. The explanation of the company's extraordinary success was to be found in the policy of keeping down the annual fixed charges, while extending its railroads into new productive territory as opportunity offered, also in the economies attending the long haul of freight over one huge system, eliminating heavy tolls for switching and other kindred services between connecting companies.

The meeting was the shortest on record, lasting only eighteen minutes. The directors were re-elected and at their subsequent meeting they re-elected Lord Shaughnessy as president and E. W. Seattle and Sir George Dury as vice-presidents.

"MOVING" IN A
RAIN DOWNPOUR

Housekeepers, Going to New Locations, Had a Sorey Time of it on May 1

With the rain pouring in torrents hundreds of people had to face the inevitable and more today. It is estimated that more than 600 families changed their places of residence. Many of the people who had to move in the downpour had to do so in a most unfortunate manner. In many cases considerable damage resulted, despite precautions taken to cover the goods. The greater part of the morning took place in the eastern and southern ends of the city. In the North End there was considerably less than in previous years, although many families went there from other sections of the city.

Some were fortunate enough to have the majority of their furniture moved yesterday and last night and thus escaped the rain this morning, while others made arrangements to hold back until weather conditions were more favorable.

Telemeters, it was said, were changing from \$4 to \$10 a load.

The N. B. Telephone Company is having a busy time of it for some time owing to so many of their patrons changing their places of residence. They have orders to move upwards of 400 telephones.

Stove merchants, plumbers and tinners are busily engaged assisting in moving. A prominent stove merchant speaking to a Times representative said that he was selling more new stoves this year than for some time. Last season, he said, the demand was for second-hand stoves.

MILLION MORE MEN
FOR AMERICAN ARMY

New York, May 1.—Cabinet agreed that 1,000,000 more men should be called for army.

April shipping output by American shipbuilders, 230,000 tons, or increase of about 30 per cent. over March, establishing new high record.

Government contracts for 1,025 locomotives awarded to Baldwin and American Loco. plants at \$60,000,000.

Special meeting of B. R. T. called for May 23 to consider issuance of \$100,000,000 bonds.

U. S. Steel net earnings after taxes in first quarter, \$55,929,824, balance available for common stock equal to \$7.21 a share; no change in dividends.

MONTELIANS TO WAR

Moncton, May 1.—Ocell B. Burden, son of I. C. Burden of Moncton, transient officer formerly of Fredericton, left this morning for Halifax to join the Canadian army dental corps. Ceberl Steeves left for Halifax to enlist in the flying corps. Kenneth Wetmore, son of Ald. J. E. Wetmore, and Vaughan Tuttle of Moncton, are also enlisting in the flying corps.

SUPER GUN AGAIN IS
SHELLING THE CAPITAL

Paris, May 1.—The long range bombardment of Paris was begun again this morning.

PROBABLY LONG
DRAWN OUT TALK
ON THE BUDGET

Ottawa, May 1.—The government is anxious to close the budget debate this week, and the house is likely to have little sitting, as some thirty opposition members have already notified the whips of their intention to speak, in addition to a considerable number of government supporters who want to be heard. It is doubtful if the government's hope will be realized and the discussion may occupy a couple of days next week.

In official circles it is hoped that the new revenue the government will receive from the new taxes will amount to \$60,000,000.

HALIFAX VIEW
OF NEW TAXES

Halifax, May 1.—Commenting editorially on the budget, the Morning Chronicle this morning says:

Apart from the specific taxes on tea and coffee and the excise taxes on tobacco, the new taxes are in the direct form. They impose new burdens upon the people but the demands of the war are constantly growing; and the money required to finance our war operations, to maintain our army in the field, to provide pensions for the disabled and to care for the dependents of those who have sacrificed all, we are in honor and duty bound to pay to the limit of our resources. They impose new burdens upon the people but the demands of the war are constantly growing; and the money required to finance our war operations, to maintain our army in the field, to provide pensions for the disabled and to care for the dependents of those who have sacrificed all, we are in honor and duty bound to pay to the limit of our resources. 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