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## BRAVE ARMY OF ITALY WINS NOTABLE VICTORY; THE MONTREAL SLACKERS SOWING THE WIND

### HEAVY LOSS ON BRITISH TRANSPORT

Teutons Torpedo Transylvania and 413 Persons Go Down With Her.

### SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND 29 OFFICERS PERISH

Lost Vessel Was Anchor Liner of 14,315 tons and Built in 1914.

#### BULLETIN.

London, May 24.—The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on May 4 with the loss of 413 persons. The Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The following official statement was given out today: "The British transport Transylvania, with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4 resulting in the following losses. Twenty-nine officers and 375 of other ranks, also the ship's captain, Lieutenant S. Brenell, and one officer and nine men of the crew."

Anchor Line Boat, the Transylvania, an Anchor Line boat, was in the service of the British government since May 1915, when her sailings were cancelled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government she was engaged in transporting troops to Gallipoli. The Transylvania was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 648 feet long and had accommodation for 2,450 passengers.

### STATE OF WAR NOW IN BRAZIL

Foreign Minister Declares Country Had Been Virtually Forced into War.

Rio Janeiro, May 24.—Foreign minister Nilo Pecanha declared in the council of ministers according to the newspapers that it was not necessary for Brazil to declare war on Germany, because she had been virtually forced into a state of war by circumstances. After a meeting of the council today Senhor Pecanha was asked as to the possibility of Brazil declaring war on Germany. The minister replied: "Brazil declares war on nobody. She defends herself. It is Germany which declares war on all neutrals."

### SEBASTOPOL SOLDIERS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

Garrison Unanimously Requests to be Sent to Riga Front Against Germans.

Sebastopol, via London, May 24.—The officers and men of the local garrison have unanimously requested that they be sent to the Riga front to fight the Germans. Their action is in response to the speech of Minister of War Kerezhsky and the appeal of council of soldiers and workmen's delegates.

### WARRANTS FOR BANK MEN

Boston, May 24.—Warrants are out for the arrest of Arthur E. Wood and Arthur R. Abbot, bank bookkeepers. They are charged with embezzling \$15,000 from the Federal Trust Co., and Metropolitan Trust Co. Both are missing.

### HOSTILE RAID IS REPELLED BY BRITISH

French Have Captured 8,600 Prisoners in Vauclere Plateau Region.

London, May 24.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "A hostile raid attempted early this morning in the neighborhood of Armentieres was driven off with loss by our machine guns."

"The activity in the air increased yesterday. A number of fights occurred in which five German machines were brought down by our airplanes. Six other hostile machines were driven down out of control. Three of our airplanes are missing."

#### German Statement.

Berlin, May 24, via London.—The repulse of French attacks on the Aisne front near Froimont Farm and at the Vauclere Mill last evening is announced by army headquarters today.

Increasing artillery activity is reported along the front held by the British south of the Cambrai-Bapaume road and St. Quentin.

#### French Statement.

Paris, May 24.—German counter-attacks in the region of the Vauclere plateau were repulsed last night with probable losses, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. Since May 1 the French have taken 8,600 prisoners in this district.

#### Artillery Violent.

Paris, May 24.—There is nothing to report except artillery fighting at times violent in the regions of Moulin de Vauclere, the Calonne plateau and Chevreton. The following official statement issued by the war office tonight: "Last night our bombing aeroplanes dropped 2,200 kilograms of projectiles on stations in the neighborhood of Rehel where fires broke out."

### FRENCH LINER SUBMARINED

Steamer Sontay Sunk and Captain Mages and 44 Others Perish.

Paris, May 24.—It is officially announced that the French liner Sontay, bound for Marseilles from Saloniki, with 346 passengers, was torpedoed on April 16 with a loss of 45 lives. The steamer sank rapidly in a heavy sea but the prompt and methodical manner in which the small boats were launched saved the majority of those on board. Captain Mages went down with the ship. The Sontay was a vessel of 7,247 tons and was built in 1908. She was owned in Marseilles.

### BALFOUR MAKES HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS

Washington, May 24.—In a farewell address to the American people today, Foreign Secretary Balfour warmly expressed thanks for the kindness and sympathy with which the British war mission had been received in this country, declared that the United States has accomplished during the forty days since it entered the war most remarkable and said he would carry back to the Allies across the water his belief that with as little delay as human imperfections allow the full and decisive weight of America would be thrown into the struggle for democracy.

### TY COBB REGISTERS AS WAR ELIGIBLE

Detroit, May 24.—Eighteen members of the Detroit American League Baseball Club, who are subject to the conscription law, have registered here, it was announced today. Ty Cobb, who will be 31 years of age on December 18, is among the players who were enrolled.

### LAURIERITES IN FIGHT IN MONTREAL

Inflammatory and Almost Seditious Language is Used.

### ROUGH-NECK ELEMENT LOOKS FOR TROUBLE

Thousands of Slackers Hold Anti-Conscription Parade in Metropolis.

### CONSCRIPTION IS FAVORED

"Win the War" Convention Favors System by Nearly Unanimous Vote.

Montreal, May 24.—(Canadian Press)—The atmosphere of this city is becoming surcharged with the movement against conscription and numerous gatherings are being held at night which profess against the measure and denunciations of the Borden government, as well as demands for a general election, are being made in language that borders on the inflammatory and the seditious. Emphasis on the growing disposition amongst a certain class of the younger men to cause trouble because of the proclamation of Premier Borden on the conscription question was brought out this morning in connection with a parade of several thousand men that was held in the city. The parade was meant to be a protest against the high cost of food, but which developed into an anti-conscription parade, and which was followed by a fight at Phillips Square between two soldiers and some civilians who had been parading.

#### All Laurierites.

The parade itself was orderly. Banners bearing these mottoes were conspicuous, and were supplemented with cries along similar lines: "Down with conscription," "Give us a new government," "We want elections," "Down with the trusts," "Degradatory cries about Sir Robert L. Borden and cries of 'Vive Laurier' were heard from the men in the parade, as it wended its way from Lafontaine Park to Phillips Square where it disbanded. The row at Phillips Square was precipitated by a returned military officer and a private endeavoring to wrest one of the banners from a civilian in the parade. Fist-cuffs were indulged in, but as no person engaged in it was seriously hurt the police took no action.

#### Who's a Liar?

Ottawa, May 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Liberal party, has authorized the emphatic denial of the reported statement of Mr. Tancred Marsil in Montreal at an anti-conscription meeting that he had received a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in which the latter had stated he proposed to oppose conscription and the extension of the life of parliament. No such communication was ever written or sent. Sir Wilfrid has authorized Senator David to issue this statement.

### LES DARGY PASSES ON

Memphis, Tenn., May 24.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, died at a hospital here this afternoon from pneumonia. He had been ill more than a month.

James Leslie Darcy was born in Woodville, New South Wales, Oct. 28, 1895. He weighed 158 to 160 pounds and was 5 feet, 6 inches in height. He entered the professional ring in 1911 and won several tournaments in New South Wales. He had boxed with Jimmy Burns, Jimmy Clabby, Fritz Holland, Fred Dyer, Jeff Smith and other middleweights. Darcy left Australia after the war started. He endeavored to arrange a number of big matches, but was turned down on the ground that he was a slacker. He claimed that he would enter the army as soon as he earned sufficient money to keep his mother. It was shown that Darcy was worth \$100,000.

#### RELIEF SHIP SUNK.

Kristiania, Norway, May 24, via London.—A Swedish ship engaged in the work of the Belgian relief commission was sunk May 18, despite the fact that it held a German permit to sail.

### PTE. EMMERSON GIVES UP LIFE FOR EMPIRE

Pte. Robert Brown of Montreal Also Killed in Action in France.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, May 24.—Mrs. F. W. Emmerson received the sad intelligence from Ottawa today that her son, Frederick, had been killed in action in France. Pte. "Laurie" Emmerson enlisted shortly after war broke out and when barely eighteen. He was the youngest son of the late Judge F. W. Emmerson and a nephew of the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson. Mrs. Emmerson has another son at the front. Mrs. Robert Brown was officially notified today that her husband had been killed in action. Pte. Brown went overseas with the Westmorland and Kent Battalion. He was a native of Springfield.

### CONSCRIPTION IS FAVORED

"Win the War" Convention Favors System by Nearly Unanimous Vote.

Montreal, May 24.—The national unity and Win-the-War convention, which is being held in Windsor Hall, this morning had a hot and noisy debate on a resolution favoring conscription, the chief opposition to it being from Delegate J. Taylor, a labor representative of Victoria. Mr. Taylor said he opposed it because it meant both industrial and military conscription, and he claimed that labor was manifestly opposed to conscription. He moved an amendment calling for a referendum, but this was rejected. The resolution was carried by a vote that was regarded by the 800 people present as almost unanimous. It was moved by Mr. John G. O'Donohue, of Ottawa, solicitor of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, who predicted that organized labor "would be all right" in the convention, though the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress was not represented at the convention. Delegate Lesperance, speaking for the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, said that conscription was a step toward conscription in any form.

The resolution in favor of conscription is as follows:

"Be it resolved, that in order that Canada may do its utmost towards winning the war, it is essential that the country be thoroughly organized along non-partisan lines, for all branches of national service developed through local boards, so as to ensure: (1) The provision of necessary reinforcements for the army; (2) The maximum production of food, munitions and other necessities; (3) The necessary diversion of man and woman power from their pursuits should be carried out so as to cause the least possible derangement of agricultural, industrial and economic efficiency; (4) That all agricultural, industrial and productive activities of the nation shall be operated at the highest possible level, the government requisitioning and regulating, when necessary, public utilities, factories, industries or other businesses and requiring them to be operated by or for the government with such a provision as the government shall consider just. A resolution was passed urging mutual respect and mutual trust amongst Canadians of French and British descent so as to ensure victory by co-operation during the war. The convention unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the appointment by the Dominion government of a food controller. Another resolution that was passed urges the government to pass legislation to regulate the importation and manufacture of luxuries, and still another requesting the government to make more ample provision for disabled men and dependents of deceased soldiers.

### U. S. ARMY ENGINEERS DINED IN ENGLAND

More than One Thousand of American Army Men Now in England.

London, May 24.—The engineers from the United States army who have arrived in England were entertained at luncheon today by the Earl of Derby, secretary for war. A number of additional officers and hospital units have arrived and more than 1,000 persons belonging to the American army are now in Great Britain.

### THE ITALIAN ARMY WINS BIG FIGHT

General Maurice Praises Soldiers and Also Those of France.

### BRITISH ARMY NOT ACTIVE JUST NOW

Have Captured 21,000 Germans in Battle of Arras and Many Guns.

London, May 24.—That the second phase of the Italian offensive, begun yesterday, was meeting with remarkable success, was announced by General Maurice, director of operations of the British war office today. The entire Italian effort of the past ten days was praised by Gen. Maurice. "The Italian offensive," he continued, "was only made possible by the thorough offensive work of the Anglo-French forces during the past few weeks. If we had not been keeping the Germans busy the Italians would not only have found an offensive impossible, but would actually have been faced by a great Austro-German attack."

#### Praises French.

General Maurice also had high praise for the work of the French during the past week, which he said was far more important strategically than the map indicates. "The British have been for the past week," he said, "in the midst of one of those lulls which are necessary in the development of long continued modern battles. The present lull is exactly like the lull during the battle of the Somme. The enemy's communications during the past week are interesting as indicating the loss of morale and the jumpiness of his troops, who repeatedly report the development of a British offensive in spots where we never made the slightest offensive move beyond the usual artillery work."

Discussing the battle of Arras as a whole, General Maurice said:

"Our best comparison is still with the battle of the Somme. Our losses this year continue fifty per cent. smaller, although larger forces are engaged. We already have gained four times as much ground as in the whole Somme battle and have taken many times more prisoners and guns. The British captured 21,000 Germans in the battle of Arras, while losing only 3,000 captured themselves, he said. General Maurice attaches great significance to the continuance of the captures of Germans by the Entente forces on the Franco-Belgian front. "The German army," he commented, "has done everything to impress the men that they must not surrender. Von Hindenburg recently issued an order to every unit that 'no commander should allow his men to surrender under any circumstances; any soldier giving himself up is committing an act of treason for which he will be duly punished, after the war. Any commander who surrenders ground will be held summarily to account.'"

### LIBERAL CLUB FIREBRANDS CENSURED BY MAYOR MARTIN

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, May 25.—Montreal's principal streets tonight and in the early hours of morning, witnessed demonstrations on a scale not known of in this city for many years. There were at least a dozen processions about the streets from St. Lawrence street east, each gathering re-inforcements at various central corners, while one procession clashed with another. "There was one big meeting scheduled for the evening at the corner of Logan and Champlain streets. To this point congregated crowd after crowd, marching there with a blare of trumpets and loud yells against conscription. An estimate of the crowd which gathered at this meeting was impossible for it swayed and ebbed through all the cross streets. Logan street was covered with a black mass of humanity. Liberal Game Transparent. The meeting was organized and operated by two Liberal clubs with large memberships, the Letellier Club and the Garneau-Taschereau Club. The disorders which followed the Park Lafontaine meeting came in for condemnation on the part of Mayor Mederic Martin and Mr. Napoleon Seguin, M. L. A. for St. Marys, who told their audience that they were hurting their own cause by creating disorders, and again and again asked them to use only constitutional and peaceable means to protest against conscription and to leave their case in the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the man whom Mayor Martin said Providence had spared to be their protector. Both speakers told the crowd that Sir Wilfrid would wage their battle against conscription. Tancred Marsil was again prominent and he told them again that before conscription was enforced by the present government there would be revolution. "Laurier With Us." Napoleon Seguin, M. L. A., made a speech practically the whole tenor of which was for peace, and an appeal to put trust in Laurier, whom he declared anti-conscriptionist. "After the meeting," he said, "each of you go home, and wait for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the course of a few days you will see that Laurier is for you. Some newspapers are trying to make out that he will follow Borden, but they lie. Laurier is against conscription. That is why I ask the people of Montreal to be peaceable. Wait for events in parliament. Laurier is still there to defend you." Mayor Martin, while protesting vigorously against conscription, took the same attitude as Mr. Seguin. "I ask you in the name of Laurier that you be not violent, that you do not attack property. You can pass resolutions on all the corners of the city asking the government not to accept the suggestion of the prime minister on conscription."

### BRITISH WITH ITALIANS ON CARSO FRONT

Austrians Sustain Severe Defeat and Lose Nine Thousand Men as Prisoners.

### HULL AIRSHIPS RAID COAST OF ENGLAND

Drop Many Bombs on Several Counties of East Anglia.

### ONE MAN KILLED IN NORFOLK CO. VILLAGE

Damage Done to Property Not Believed to Be Great.

London, May 24.—Four or five German airships raided the eastern counties of England last night according to an official statement issued this morning. The air ships dropped bombs and escaped although pursued. "Four or five hostile airships approached East Anglia shortly before midnight last night. The weather was overcast and a thick bank of rain clouds made observation difficult. Penetrated inland. "Four airships appeared to have penetrated inland into the eastern counties. They followed a number of courses and dropped a number of bombs in country districts, apparently being unable to locate their positions. The raiders were pursued by our air planes but thick clouds enabled them to make good their escape. One man was killed in a Norfolk village. The material damage is believed to be negligible.

### FRENCH-CANADIAN HELD FOR MURDER

Presque Isle, Me., May 24.—Edward Boulier, a French-Canadian, was held by the court today on a charge of killing Mrs. Abbie Manuel at Phair, late Tuesday night. Mrs. Boulier was shot while Boulier, her brother-in-law, was attempting to prevent her husband from entering the Boulier house. Manuel and his wife are separated.

### N. B. MAN CAUGHT

Danforth, Me., May 24.—Otis Carr of Fosterville, N. B., was arrested here yesterday for selling liquor. He was fined \$60.

### GERMAN WIRELESS ON COAST OF ARGENTINA

Buenos Ayres, May 24.—A German wireless station has been installed here and is expected to be in operation in a few days. Some of the newspapers demand that use of the plant be forbidden.

### NO ITALIANS SUNK.

Rome, May 24, via Paris.—No Italian steamers were sunk by submarines during the week ending May 20. One was attacked by gun fire and sustained some damage. Only two sailing ships both under 300 tons were lost during the same period.

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