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Barbarous Atrocities of Foe Fail to Check Haig's Troops

Towns of Bulleou rt and Roeux PracticallyCompleted Today

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, May 14.-12.10 p.m.-"Hostile raids were repulsed last night northeast of Epehy and north of Ypres," says to-day's official announcement. "We secured a few

'We progressed during the night in Reoux Village (Arras front)."
British Headquarters in France,
May 14.—via London, 1/10 p.m.— Associated Press)—British troops have just oout completed the abwo important villages to rmans have clung desperately One of these villages he north bank of the

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troops involved. These may merely be coincidence or it may be that the Germans have become tired of sending so many of their troops to their death in mass formation. The German soldiers have been fighting very stoutly since reserves were thrown into the Arras

The heat wave in the fighting district has been temporarily broken by a series of thunderstorms.

OVERTURES FROM ENEMY ARE REJECTED

German Officers Sought to Parley With Russians

Near Dvinsk PEACE CONFERENCE

Suggested to be Held Upon Some Point in Neutral Country

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, via London, May 14— The Russkaya Volia says that three The Russkaya volta says
German officers, a colonel, a captain and a lieutenant, recently aptain and the German lines in the proached the German lines in the Dvinsk region with a white flag and Dvinsk region with a white flag and asked for an interview with the commanding general for the purpose of opening pour parlers. They were received by General Dragomiroff to whom they made vague statements about paving the way for more concrete negotiations with the Russian Government. The Germans sugges-Government. The Germans suggested that a neutral point be decided upon for the opening of negotia-tions. General Dragomiroff bluntly rejected their proposals declaring that they involved treachery to Russia's allies, and sent the envoys back to their own line.

Weather Bulletin



Toronto May 14. The eastern dis-The eastern disturbance is centred near Sable Island, causing strong northeast winds and showers in the Maritime provinces. The temperature was a little higher yesterday in Ontario and the fine, warm weather continues in the west.

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Von Bethmann Holds Stron g Cards in the Military Situation, U-Boat Campa ign, Sixth War Loan and Present Fo od Situation

Berlin, via London, May 14—While the baiting of the Imperial Chancellor is going on the events of the past forty-eight hours would seem to indicate that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's position continues to be absolutely secure. The Chancellor returned from a hurried visit to great headquarters Saturday morning and left the same night for Vienna, after having spent the day in conferring with the reichstag party leaders with respect to the

interpellations on Germany's war aims. Both his visit to great headquarters and his trip to the Austrian capital were made in connection with the Chancellor's declaration covering the war aims, which he will submit to the reichstag Tuesday. Both the Government and the middle road parties are desirous of avoiding an extensive or acrimonious debate and representatives of the latter will unite in a joint statement or present independent coinciding declarations.

It is contended that the Chancellor holds enough strong cards in the present military situation, the success of the U-boats, the record sixth war loan and the improvement in the food situation to beat off his opponents, who have been at his heels for months past.

EXHAUSTED

Forty Days in Allied

Ranks

Many War Measures Un-

der Consideration

New York, May 14.—An Associa

By Courier Leased Wire.

Foe Now Forced to Transfer Men From Russ Front to West

OVER HALF MILLION Troops Withdrawn From East to Oppose the Franco British

ENEMY LOSSES HUGE

Two Hundred Thousand Lost in Period of Two Weeks

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, May 14.-A news agency despatch from Petrograd, published here to-day, says;

"Germany has withdrawn forty divisions (approximately 600,000 men) from the Russian east front and hurried them to France to oppose the Franco-British offensive, according to information from Russian headquarters, featured to-day in Petrograd newspapers.
New York, May 14.—A news agency despatch published here to-

day follows; With the French Armies in the Field, May 14.—Germany lost 200,-000 men in killed, wounded and captured in the period from April 16 to May 1, on the French front alone. In the two weeks since May 1, it was estimated to-day her additional losses have been proportionately greater even than this staggering

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The figures on which this estimate are based are those of headquarters. They are conservative. The totals may be much more.

Between April 16 and 27, it is known the Germans were forced on account of losses to withdraw 20 divisions (approximately 300,000 men) from the front, replacing them with fresh reserves. Since that date more than a dozen additional divisions have been similarly replaced. Many German divisions have been practically wiped out.

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court-Queant Line, Main Foe Stronghold; The Situation

By Courier Leased Wire

In the face of blazing oil, liquid fire, poisonous gas and every other horror known to modern warfare, the British are slowly and stubbornly fighting their way to the Dro-court-Queant line, the gate to Douai and Cambrai and the principal link in the fetters welded on northern France by the Germans. General Haig is hammering all along the line, but it is around Queant, at the southern extremity that his sucess has been most marked and the corresponding menace to the Germans greatest.

Queant is virtually pocketed. To the east, west and south the road is clear to the British, as far as natural barriers are confar as natural barriers are con-cerned, except for part of the village of Bullecourt. After some of the grimmest fighting seen on the western front, the British have driven their foes from one half of Bullecourt and unless the tide is promptly turned the village is lost to the Germans and the crushing in of the southern end of the Dro-court-Queant line is inevitable.

A ray of sunshine has also fallen on British arms at sea. A Review of America's Ac- The great German submarine complishments During base at Zeebrugge and the naval stronghold at Wilhelmshaven have been assaulted from Ranks

Sea and air apparently with notable success. Zeebrugge is an absolutely artificial harbor, called into existence on the flats and Belgian coast by the And Was Yet Responsible exigencies of submarine warfare and practically depending on its being on a great mole. This mole is said to have been breached by the British guns and the Germans must speedily ted Press despatch from Washingted Press despatch from Washington this morning, says:

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Those who predicted Congress would provide the nation with the means for making war successfully and adjourn by June now have extended their estimates to the middle of August.

Pressed for speed by the administration on the state of the condition and the power of the government has been great artillery bombardment by the Italians on the Isonzo front. This may mean that the long inactivity of General Cadorna is about to be broken. The Italian situation has been wrapped in considerable obscurity and there have been uncomfortable rumors that the grave sin being committed against the country." chaos in Russia was inspiring the Central Powers to mass

tion of General Korniloff, military commander at Petrograd, because of his refusal to accept orders from the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegres, heightens the impression 200 Swedish delegates and several 200 Swedish delegates and se of the growing power of the ra-dicals and the demoralization of the army. Apparently the provisional government must quickly assert its authority or abandon a pretense at power.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Quebec, Q. May 14—A British ship is due here this afternoon with six hundred invalided soldiers.

Britishare Fight- ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN BY

L-22 Destroyed by Anti-Air Craft Defenses; Fourth . Attempted Raid on English Coast, Resulting in Disaster During the Past Year

London, May 14-11:42 a.m.-British naval forces destroyed Zeppelin L-22 in the North Sea this morning, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty.

The destruction of the L-22 marks the fourth attempt at Zeppelin raids within the last year which has ended in disaster. Two of the mammoth airships were shot down during a raid on London on September 23, 1916 and two months later two more Zeppelins were destroyed off the English coast. On March 17, French artillery men shot down a Zeppelin behind the French lines, while lit was endeavouring to reach Paris.

. Dover, May 14-The concussion of the bombardment at Zeebrugge was felt-here and at neighboring coast places in a quite unusual manner. Windows and doors rattled sharply although the battle was proceeding sixty miles away the reverberations of the guns caused the belief that the heaviest naval artillery was being

Among the reports of the results current locally, was one to the effect that the great mole protecting Zeebrugge harbor was badly breached. If this proves true and quick repair is impossible the port is likely to be rendered useless by the rapid silting up of

Russian War Minister Resigns Because of His Im-

And Was Yet Responsible "For Sin Committed **Against Country**"

Petrograd, May 14.-Via London -General Guchkoff, minister of war, has resigned.

By Courier Leased Wire.

the Central Powers to mass forces for a great drive against Italy. These rumors have been somewhat offset by the accumulating evidence that Austria is seeking in every direction a path to peace and is willing to make great concessions toward that end.

There is nothing yet to indicate what the answer is to the Russian riddle. The resignation of General Korniloff, mili-No Armistice

SOCIALIST CONGRESS

RETURNING SOLDIERS

ECONOMIC TROUBLES IN GERMANY

Better Mutual Understanding Between Consumer and Producer Necessary.

REICHSTAG MEMBERS said

To Tour Country in Order to Realize Actual Food Conditions

SHIPPING RESUMED

By Germans and Austrians in the North Sea By Courier Leased Wire,

Amsterdam, via London, May 14 -The food debate in the reichstag ended on Saturday when Adolf von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, announced that a committee representing all parties in the eichstag would make a fortnight's tour of inspection so as to learn food conditions throughout Germany Herr Batocki said that a better mu tual understanding was necessary as up to the present, relations between the different factions had been growing steadily worse.

The food controller declared that it would be fatal if the country returned to peace with the present bitter feeling continuing between the town and country, and between the consumer and producer. He added

Austrian ships owners have lately esumed shipping in the North Sea, according to a Rotterdam despatch to the Daily Mail. Nine German and ne Austrian steamer are said to have entered the Hook of Holland last week, while six sailed. Most of

This is the first despatch to indicate an attempt by the Germans to operate à regular steamship service outside of the Baltic since the early days of the war, although isolated instances have been reported of German merchant ships being sighted off the Dutch coast.

Prisoners in German Camp all Starved by SavageCaptors: The Conditions Revealed

By Courier Leased Wire.

With the British Armies in France -(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Three British soldiers who have just succeeded in escaping from a German prison camp 2 few miles back of the fighting lines, tell a pitiable story of their treatment by the enemy. They declared there was a great deal of sickness in the camp due to fatigue and starvation.

"If we showed the slightest disposition to get sick," said one of the men to the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day, "we were either thrashed with whips or struck with the butt-end of a rifle."

Although this soldier has been Although this soldier has been in enemy hands only three months, he had dropped in weight from 182 to 108. He was a living skeleton. His feet had been frozen and were gangrenous for lack of treatment. The men had neither overcoats nor blankets during the coldest weather of the winter When cantured durof the winter. When captured during a raid they wore leather jackets. These the Germans took away from them immediately. They also stripped the rubber lining from their shrapnel helmets and took away their regimental badges for the brass that was in them.

One of the men during the perilous trip across No Man's Land at the end of the escape, was badly wounded. For food, the prisoners received daily a quarter loaf of bread, one plate of thin soup and about every second day a cup of weak coffee substitute. On a few occasions they had a bit of meat about the size of a lump of sugar. Recently the men were compelled to work so near the front they came under shell fire from the British guns. This was an exthe British guns. This was an ex-ceptional instance, however, they

The French prisoners, on the other hand, are constantly employed just back of the firing line, and suffer many casualties. In the camp, however, the French prisoners were better treated than the English. It was strange to hear this story in view of the sleek appearance of the German prisoners in English hands, all well fed, well nourished, paid for their bits of labor and permit-buy-comforts at the canteens the same conditions as the Ton

BUS DRIVERS ON STRIKE IN OLD LONDON

Ten Thousand Motor Employees Quit Work in **English Capital**

TRAFFIC TROUBLES

Marshall Joffre to be Honored by Native Department

By Courier Leased Wire. that if an improvement did not occur, Germany would be unable to perform her economic tasks after the war.

Shipping Resumed.

London, May 14—London is without motor buses to-day, 10,000 employees of both sexes being out on strike. Many thousands of workers were unable to reach work on time through the congestion on the tram lines, trains and underground systems.

All sorts of vehicles were present into service to carry workers to the munition centres. At the railroad stations quequs were formed under the supervision of the police.

Perpignan, Frace, May 14—A committee of prominent men in the department of Pyreness-Orientales. the arrivals were from Hamburg, Bremen and the Baltice. arshal Joffre's native re een formed with the obje