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others are following, including

presentatives of the Belgian and al to the Russians, recalling ferings of their respectiv s and asking the Russians of Deputies has voted supthe Russian "loan of fre by a large majority. Roumania Confident

on, May 7-Premier Bratiano mania interviewed by Russian permen said, according to a from Petrograd, that peac annexation could not refer eunion of Transylvania with Premier Bratiano said a step would not be anbut the annulment of the by the Magyars of territory ed by Roumanians. The pre dded that Roumanians were ed that the Russian people g how they suffered under agyar yoke would give them

CANADIAN CASUALTIES ourier Leased Wire.

wa, May 7—The Bool as of 281 names lists 136 as missing, 77 wounded and

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THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA MONDAY, MAY 7, 1917.

FRENCH PENETRATE SIEGFRIED LINE

Week Must Precipitate Crisis 215th Brant Battalion Has **Losses of Foe During Past**

Landed Safely in Old Land

| Over Eight Thousand Enemy **Troops Captured by French**

Four Mile Salient Cut in Laon Defences Last Night

British Penetrate CRISIS TO Bulleconrt and **Battle Within its** Walls; Captives Fall to French By Courier Leased Wire British Headquarters in

France, May 7 .- via London .-(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press) - The LET ALL KEEP COOL Commander in British have pushed their way well within the town of Bulle- And Not Regard Russia as Chief on Western Front court, hand-to-hand fighting Appeals to His Armies has developed there.

Prisoners Taken Bulletin, London, May 7.-ROUMANIA CONFIDENT by the war office to-day. Official Statement

The announcement follows: early to-day in the Hindenburg what attitude the British ought to take toward the crisis. M. Sazonoff line. East of Bullecourt our replied earnestly position has been improved. We progressed westward in the dir- treat us as a negligible quantity, beection of the village and took a cause we are not. I feel sure you eclaring that the fraternizing number of prisoners. A hos- will find that this crisis will pass off iens with the enemy troops tile bombing attack during the of itself." topped. He declares that night on our front line, south of Oppy, delivered after heavy learn Russian military dis- artillery preparation, was successfully driven off.

Huns Repulsed Germans have counter-attacked that the men now felt they had somealong the entire French front thing to fight for and executed their and everywhere have been re- orders with more ardor. Whatever illed by promises of peace, will pulsed, according to an official harm occurred resulted from agitations readiness to repel the attement issued by the war office to-day.

Many Prisoners The fighting was especially severe in the region of the Che- as to their view of the imperative min-des-Dame and east of Sois- urgency of a settlement of the Irish sons. The statement says that question, The Pall Mail Gazette unsince April 16, the French have derstands.

embassies have published reached more than 8,200.

PASS OFF IN SAFETY

Ex-Foreign Minister of Russia Takes Optimistic **View of Situation**

a Negligible Quantity

By Courier Leased Wire,

London, May 7 .-- Sergius Sazon-After sharp fighting the Brit- off, former Russian foreign minister, ish have pushed forward west takes an optimistic view of the preof Bullecourt and have taken a sent crisis in Russia, according to a number of prisoners, according | Petrograd despatch quoting a stateto an official statement issued ment made by M. Sazonoff to Professor Bernard Pares of the University of Liverpool. Prof. Pares asked the former minister, as one of the "There was sharp fighting best Russian friends of Great Britain

"Keep cool, and above all do not Prof. Pares has just returned to

etrograd from one of the southern fronts. He says that the news of the evolution had a decidedly good effect on the discipline of the soldiers. Bulletin, Paris, Cay 7.—The The commanding officers all said Home Rule

London, May 7 .- Powerful repre sentations are about to be made to Premier Lloyd George and the war cabinet by representatives of labor

"It is generally understood," adds The number taken in the lat-lactory settlement is arrived at, the est phase of the offensive days labor members of the government may be forced to reconsideration of

Appears Immin-

French guns have battered down the back door to Laon and the poilus of General Nivelle are now only six miles from the German stronghold. One formidable barrier lies between them and their goal, the Ailette River, but from the captured heights along the Chemn-des-Dames (the road of the ladies) the French guns over-

Like the Chemin-des-Dames the Ailètte runs east and west, paralleling the French lines. It is hardly worthy of the name of river, but its bed is in a deep gorge which makes it a grave obstacle. Laon will not be captured except at a heavy price but the French victories of the last week have brought its capture appreciably nearer. The developments on the

battlefield are criefly important for the possibilities they op-en up and the same may be said to be true of events behind the firing line. In Germany there is much talk of political reform and several proposals have been put forward in the reichstag to curtail the power of the Emperor accumake the ministry responsible to parlia-ment. Apparently the putting forward of the mooted reforms has served to check the rising tide of popular discontent, but the extraordinary measures adprevent the outside world learning the true situation make adequate judgment impossible. Startling reports come from Austria in regard to the conditions in the dual monarchy and apparently Count Tisza and his fellow reactionares have the uper hand and are determined to crush the party of democracy with the same There are rumors of martia law in Hungary and Bohemia and the suppre pers, but for a month or more no reliable news has reached the outer world as to conditions in the Austrian Empire. The Russian riddle remains

unsolved but for the time being at least the provisional author its seem to be safe. Reports of demoralization in the Russian uncomfortable army receive confirmation by the proclamation of General Gurko, commander on the eastern front. fraternizing with the German troops. General Gurko declares that such fraternizing has become a common practice and that the lull on the Russian front has permitted the Ger-mans to concentrate troops against the English and French In spite of the peaceable ending to the May Day demonstration in Sweden the internal troubles of that country seem to be rising rather than ebbing Riots and food demonstration points and from such partial reports as are received, the authorities are confronting an ugly situation.

FUTILE HUN AIR RAID ON

One Man Killed, Two Per sons Injured by Four Bombs

ourier Leased Wire. ing, it is officially announced.

Slight damage buildings."

French Forces U.S.CHANGES Desperate Resist-Press Hard on FROM PEACE Forces Offered FOLLIER **TOWARBASIS**

Every Day of British Mission's Stay at Washington Sees Changes

SUBJECT OF U.S. ARMY

Washington, May 7 .- The third veek of the visit of the British mission began to-day with conferences o eight sub-committees among which the various questions of America's many have been divided. During the week some of the committees probably will report back to the main conferees who in turn may make anouncements of decisions reached.

As the conferences develop it be comes more evident that all questons are extremely complicated in heir various inter-relations to other uestions, and that the most difficult part of the work consists in harmonizing the various conflicting needs. For instance, the sending of an American expeditionary force, desired by ooth French and British missions in volves not only military consideraions, but also the question of wheth r it is wise to divert the tonnag necessary for troop transportation rom its present work of carrying food and munitions. Likewise it is essential to restrict exports to the naterials most vital to the allies. Every day the British mission

tays shows an increasing controlization of power and a more marked change of the government from a eace to a war basis. Much proposed new legislation has been inspired by England's experience under similaircumstances and American officials centralized intelligence office, and an or will be formed.

215TH LANDS.

Mr. Geo. Watt, Manager of the Brantford branch of the British Bank, received a cable gram today from his brother Lieut. Tom Watt, of the 215th Battalion announcing that the poys had arrived safely in England. They crossed on the S. S. Olympic.

in Vain to Progress of Nivelle By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, May 7.—The Germans concentrated their efforts yesterday morning in attacks on the region of Laffaux and in section from Braye to Craonne. But the French held the whiphand and beat off wave upon wave of the enemy's dwindling reserve. with terrible losses More than that the Frenchmen, FRESH REGULATIONS after hours of stiff fighting ward and gained fresh positions naturally fortified.

The desperate resistance of the Germans and the frequent counter-attacks in force are PROPOSALS OPPOSED comprehensible when it is rea-Allemant and Pinon they will outflank the whole line running north to St. Quentin. General Nivelle, however, has no sinecure as he is confronted by the constitution committee of the reichamous Siegfried line, a system stag now in session in Berlin, acof fortifications on which the cording to a Berlin despatch that has Germans have lavished weeks saturday, says the message, adopted of work and which is of the a joint proposal by the Centre, Namost formidable type.

ain wood to attack Froidmont Farm, which stands midway between Chevregny and Hill 185. The organization of its structure apare taking advantage of every min- They were practically annihil- pertains to the Emperor. The Em to develop the United States central war organization. It is along this line that new bodies such as a munitions board, a railroad executive, a central light of the Germans to prevent the French from reaching the Oise canal and the Ailatte Divor on the secretary of state export supervision board have been this part of the front. The tives. The officers and officials and key of the whole section is now in great part in possession of "Article 66: The appointment of the French, in several places officers and military officials of a they have even gone far beyond state contingent is made under the it. It was the possession of ter of such contingent. These war this road which enabled the ministers with the exception of Germans to hold up the French Bavarian, are responsible to the advance for so long. Its captheir contingents." ture alone shows the importance of the success gained by were adopted against the votes of of Saturday and Sunday.

the afternoon on the eastern Further Amendments Accepted by Constitution Committee in Reichstag

still had the energy to dash for- Alter Principle of Appointment of Officers in

Army

lized that if the French capture By Conservative Party in the Reichstag

London, May 7.-Further amend ments have been accepted by the On the right wing German ples parties to alter articles 53 and 66 of the imperial constitution as pattalions streamed out of Fil- follows:

"Article 53: The navy is under the famous Chemin-des-Dames, the men of the navy swear alliegance to the Emperor."

The proposals, says the telegrams

General Nivelle in the battles the Conservatives, who asked why at this moment, when German officers had most brilliantly stood the test of war, alteration should be made in principles under which they have been appointed. If the apointment of officers was placed under the control of parliament, then personal rela-tions of loyalty to the monarch would be prejudiced, the Conservatives declared. A Progressive member pointed out

nat by the new regulations the war inisters of the states would bec sponsible to the reichstag, but he eclared that there was no questio of establishing a parliamentary army or undermining authority.

BOLIVIAN RELATIONS ARE BROKEN

Another Latin America Republic Cuts Loose From Germany

Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, May 7—via London—Berlin newspapers announce that the foreign office has been notified that Bolivia has broken off relations with Germany. The republic has no diplomatic representative in Ger-many and the notification was received from the Bolivian consul general at Hamburg, who telegraphed from Switzerland, where he has been stopping for

A despatch from La Paz, under date of April 13, announced that the Bolivian Government had handed the German minis

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION AT THE CANADIAN FRONT TODAY

Who Would Believe Story of How Four Men of the Maple Leaf, One Wounded, Captured Hundred and Three Huns; Yet It is a True Tale

By Courier Leased Wire. dated Sunday:

In thirty or forty years from now, sitting on his front porch or in the lobby of the Imperial Hotel repeatwa, May 7-The noon casu-lobby of the Imperial Hotel repeating the story of how he with three comrades captured 103 Germans in on unmindful of the pain and the 58 missing, 77 wounded and one lot during the battle of Arras. loss of blood. A Canadian private ously reported missing, who To make the story more interesting, was at his side. ince rejoined their units. The he will add that he was a corporal casualties since Easter is in one of the Canadian regiments way over huge shell holes and

weak from exhaustion. The yarn will be looked upon as one those which veterans persist in telling and which, like wine, improve with age.

But the singular part of this story will be that it is true. To this the British war office records will atfair in nearly all test, for the exploit has been investiparts of the Dominion. It has been add and confirmed in every detail. a great gust of smoke. The Canadinion. It has been cool from Ontario eastward and is pleted pounding the first line Gerdarkness to see what had happened. erly winds, fair to- try, Canadians and English tommies, the hole. When the smoke cleared and on Tuesday, with higher started out to do their part. They away they still heard the voices. double-quicked to the trenches with

rifles, bayonets and hand grenades, New York, May 7.—The New York to capture prisoners and put an end Herald this morning publishes the following despatch from London, fight in them fight in them.

The Canadian corporal was well in back in his home in Canada a grizz-led veteran of the great war, will be

"Ouch," he exclaimed, but he kept

In a few minutes, stumbling their and that he was wounded and very broken wire entanglements they came to the opening of a German The group around him will nod dugout with winding steps leading knowingly and will exchange glances down into blackness. It seemed a admiration of his imagination. though the artillery missed this altogether.

"I'll toss one of these grenade down there for luck," the corporal told the private. "Ill make it merry for any of them Huns that may be hidin' there." There was a terrific explosion and

quite mild in the man trenches with heavy exploding To their surprise they heard voices, west. spot the retreating Germans last | "Here goes another," the Corporal Moderate north- Easter Sunday morning, the infan- said, tossing the hand grenade into

LONDON MADE

London, May 7.—A hostile airplane dropped four bombs northeast of London this morn-The statement announcing the airplane raid reads

"In the early hours this morning a hostile airplane appeared over the outskirts of northeast London and dropped four bombs. One man was killed and a man and a woman injured.

FACES PROBLEM OF ALIENS Many Subjects of Entente Powers, Now Resident in U. S. Are Desirous of Joining American Army in Place of Their Own Regiments; Officials **Faced With Problem** By Courier Leased Wire units under their own officers which

AMERICAN WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, May 7—Another of the difficult problems in putting the with the plans of the War depart army on a war footing is the disposition of aliens in the United States, unnaturalized and still citizens or who wish to fight under the Amer-Applications are pouring into the

war department from such people acting as individuals or through committees. In most cases they seek permission to join the United States army in national units from companies to legions.

The War department prefers that he men return to the countries of their origin to serve in their armies, but although most of them have seen might easily do so by simply, as a preliminary to enlistment, making a preliminary to enlistment, making a round up slackers for service declaration of intention to become American citizens. But for the most part, with little or no know. with strong racial affiliation, these New York, May 7—An Associated aliens wish to serve together in

ment to make the army a hetero geneus body, free from internal subjects of the Entente powers, and jealousies and from political influence, which operated to disadvantage in the Civil and Spanish wars It is realized by American cials that as soon as an effort is made to apply the selective conscription law and able-bodied for eigners are left in shops and farms while Americans are taken for compulsory military service. Congress will be called upon to meet the condition. A bill now pending permits the recruitment of these foreigners in the United States for the American flag. Were they content to enlist as individuals they might easily do so by simply as a large point and states for origin, but an amendment adopted by the Senate stipulating that such enlistments must be volunteenlistments. either the American or foreign ar-

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