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WEATHER-SHOWERY

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## FRENCH SMASH HINDENBURG LINE; CANADIANS MAKE IMPORTANT GAIN

## AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Apparently there will be Peace at Petrograd for Short Time

MINOR DISTURBANCES OCCUR AT CAPITAL

at Least.

Suburbs to Keep Troops Out of Petrograd-Duma to Meet at Once.

Petrograd, May 4, via London, May
—The Duma, it is announced, will be
onvoked in extraordinary session imsediately. This will be the first time
to Duma has met since the revolution which overthrew the Romanoff dy-

## Boys From Dominion Surprise Germans

Battalion South of Souchez River Captures Important Sector of Enemy's Front Line and Support Trench to Eastward.

## GERMAN MACHINE GUNNERS DIE AND DON'T SURRENDER

Teutons Apply Torch to Mining Villages in Whole Region Southwest of Lens-British Army Successful Near Bullecourt.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, May 6.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent Canadian Press)—By a surprise attack early this (Sunday) morning the battalion holding that part of our front imemdiately south of the Souchez river captured an important sector of the enemy front line and support trench some distance to the east. The whole region southwest of Lens, where the ground was gained, is dotted over with ruins of mining villages, and almost every house has been transformed into a miniature fortress by the introduction of machine guns, operated from the shelter of strong emplacements. The punners who hold these positions do not surrender—they die at their punces beside their guns, fighting to the end. Germany still has men of that type, and they sell their lives for the utmost price they can exact.

There were great pro-ally demonstrations last inght in front of the British. French and Italian embassies.

Controversy Settled.

Petrograg. Friday, May 3, vis London, May 6. (Delaydd)—The controversy between the council of workment, which, for the last wenty-four hours, has threatened such serious circumstances, in which in fact the fate of the nation and possibly of the war, were involved, has been of this ground was regarded the payal cadet building, where the council held a special meeting to receive the report of the executive council, declared that the executed held a special meeting to receive the report of the executive council, declared that the system delaration of April 9, and embude the views of the proletariat.

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Addresses United States Con gress on Saturday.

HISTORIC OCCASION NEVER PARALLELED

President Wilson Broke Precedent by Sitting in the Gal-

Washington, May 5—President Wilson occupied a seat in the executive gallery of the house today while British Foreign Minister, the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, and members of the British mission were received on the floor. It was the first time, as far as capitel historians could find, that any president of the United States has appeared in the galleries.

Accompanying Physica. Minister.

Accompanying Foreign Minister Balfour to the house were the follow-ing: Major-Gen. C. T. M. Bridges, Cap-



## Brilliant Success For Army of France

Capture Entire Plateau in Neighborhood of Cerny and Craonne and Hills Dominating the Valley of the Ailette.

## NEARLY SIX THOUSAND HUNS TAKEN PRISONERS

French Advance Against Powerful Opposition Along Road from Soi sons to Laon, Over an Extent of Nearly Four Miles.

Paris, May 5—(11.45 p. m.)—A brilliant success for the French arms is recorded in the official communication issued by the war office tonight. An important French advance has been made against powerful opposition along the road from Soissons to Laon, over an extent of nearly four miles. French troops have captured all the plateau in the neighborhood of Cerny and Craonne, and the hills dominating the valleys of the Allette river. The number of prisoners captured today was 4,300, in addition to the 1,000 taken yesterday. The text of the statement follows:

"Our operations continue to develop today in conjunction with these of the British armies in the region northeast of Soissons, and the Chemin-Des-Dames. Notwithstanding the desperate resistance of the Germans who have thrown, without number, into the struggle eight contingents, our troops gained a very brilliant suchess.

On Mindenburg Line

On Mindenburg Line immediate vicinity of the road from Southeast of Vauxaillon we attacked a salient in the Hindenburg line and carried German positions on a front of about six kilometres, one part on the line extending from the Moisy Farm to Moutin De Laffaux, and the other east of Moutin, where we advanced over lines as far as the (Continued on page 3.)

Total Advance in Wages Amounts to from 36 to 40 Per Cent Since Year Ago.

Sydney, N. S., May 6—The Royal Commission appointed to investigate conditions among the colliery workers at Glace Bay has quickly scored a success. Not only has an understanding been arrived at between the U. M. W. and P. W. A., two rival organizations but a settlement of the wage question has also been reached. An advance of ten cents a day is to be

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# **PROBLEM HAS** BEEN SOLVED

Chairman Saunders of U.S. Naval Board Has Plans to Destroy Submarines.

## MANY INVENTIONS HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTED ON.

Practical Tests on Atlantic Coast Appear to have Been Successful.

New York, May 5—W. L. Saunders, chairman of the naval consulting board, announced here today that the board had forwarded to Washington plans for dealing with the submarine problem which, it was believed, had solved the problem successfully.

Mr. Saunders who has been chairman of the naval consulting board about two months, supplemented his announcement by saying that while the submarine problem cannot be considered in reality to have been solved until the U-boats have been destroyed, nevertheless numerous experiments had been made along the Atlantic coast with highly encouraging results, and which led the board to feel confident that a successful solution had been reached.

"It looks as though the submarine problem has been solved," Mr. Saunders said, "not only in theory, but on the strength of practical tests on the Atlantic coast."

Mr. Saunders added that 500 inventions for U-boat suppression had been submitted for consideration of the board, and experiments with many of them justified, he believed, the assertion that a plan had been found by which the submarine peril could be eliminated.

picious Person Tampering with Switch and Opens Fire on Him.

Amsterdam, via London, May 5.—
Grave ricting has occurred in Matus, Germany, according to a report received by the Telegraaf. Sixteen hundred people took part in a demonstration because of the scarcity of fcod and a number of shops were located.

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F. W. McElwain, Pinder, N. B.
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D. O. McDow, New Ross, N. S.
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G. F. Anthony, Walton, N. S.
Killed in Action—
R. Norris, Marysville, N. B.
Wounded—
S. W. Newman, Wilson's Beach, N.B.
M. W. Ackinson, Calhoun, N. B.
L. E. Pettley, Smitr'e, Kent Co., N. B.
Wyunded, Admitted to Hospital
April 9. Returned to Duty April 14—
A. R. Adams, Glassville, N. B.
III—
F. M. Barton, Gibson, N. B.
Infantry.
Reported Missing April 9—
C. P. Vickery, Dilligent River, N. S.
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