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## VERY HEAVY GUN WORK NEAR ARRAS

### Paris Reports Violent Fighting—Is The Blow To Fall There? British Successful In Raids Near Arras

Paris, May 22—Artillery fighting of the most violent character occurred last night on the front southeast of Amiens, the war office announces. Heavy artillery fighting took place also on the southern part of the battlefield, in the neighborhood of Ploeghem, west of Noyon.

#### BRITISH RAIDS SUCCESSFUL

London, May 22—In the sectors east of Arras German trenches were entered at two points last night by British raiding parties, says today's official statement. Fourteen prisoners and a machine gun were taken. On the Ploeghem front the Germans carried out a heavy gas bombardment of the sector to the northeast of Bethune.

"North of the Ypres-Comines Canal sixteen prisoners were captured by us. A hostile raiding party approached our lines last night north of Albert. It was repulsed.

"The enemy's artillery showed some activity during the night in the neighborhood of Dernaucourt, and considerable activity east of the Forest of Nieppe. The sector northeast of Bethune was heavily bombarded with gas shells."

#### Effective American Attack

With the American Army in France, May 21—(By the Associated Press)—The American artillery northwest of Toul launched a sudden and powerful gas attack upon the German positions and cantonments within the Gerschamp Wood early today. Heavy punishment was inflicted upon the enemy.

The deluge of American shells fell in three waves and within a half hour the woods in which many Germans were sleeping had been drenched with a large quantity of poisonous gas.

In lively patrol actions Monday night and this morning east of Launoy, German parties were defeated by the Americans, who captured two prisoners.

"In the course of reconnaissance combats in Lorraine we captured prisoners," says the statement. "Here and in the Vosges the artillery of both sides showed considerable activity."

#### "Savage," Says Berlin

Berlin, via London, May 21—Savage fighting on the northern side of the Lyngslet in the Flanders battlefield is reported in the official statement issued by the war office today, which says that strong allied attacks were repulsed with heavy losses at various points. The statement adds that during the last three days fifty-five enemy machines and three captive balloons have been brought down.

Paris, May 22—The official statement of the war office last night reads: "There were no infantry actions. The artillery was intermittently active south of the Somme, along the Meuse and in the Vosges."

"On May 19 our fighting pilots destroyed six German airships and nine other enemy machines fell within their lines severely damaged. That day and also on the night of May 19-20 25,000 kilograms of projectiles were dropped in an area near Rosières-en-Santerre, airdromes at Villerselle and Vauvillers and on railway stations at Pecqueur, Neule, Chaulnes and elsewhere. Large fires resulted in Rosières. On the same night machines attached to the Italian aviation corps bombed the railway station at Mont Cornet and the airdrome at Ville Au Bois, where great damage was done."

Paris, May 21—The war office statement issued tonight refers to the military operations in the east as follows: "Army of the East, May 20—The enemy artillery bombarded violently British trenches west of Dolan and our position northwest of Pagny-sur-Meuse. Serbian artillery carried out fires of destruction against enemy organizations on the Devilo. In the course of serious fighting in the region of Vetrinik. Several Bulgarian attempts to attack before Nante and east of Stambol were repulsed."

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London, May 22—Prospects for the coming harvest in France are better than any year since 1898, said Victor Borel, food minister, to the Associated Press upon his return today after a week-end tour in the country.

"Unless unforeseen situations arise between now and harvest time," he added, "actual restrictions on food consumption will not be increased. I may even say that we are approaching the end of the era of restriction and that the restrictions at present in force gradually will be eliminated."

"But I want men for the harvest. If they can be found I can promise that I will diminish the importation of cereals and release imported tonnage."

NOT GUILTY OF CHARGE OF MAKING HIMSELF TO KEEP OUT OF WAR

Toronto, May 22—Private M. H. Burrows, a Brampton draftsman, who was tried by court martial at the Exhibition Camp yesterday on a charge of wilfully making himself by shooting off two toes, to evade military service, was found not guilty.

FUNERAL OF NOVA SCOTIA SOLDIER IN QUEBEC

Quebec, May 22—The funeral of Pte. Delbert Colwell, who died at the Lake Edward Hospital on last Saturday, took place yesterday afternoon. The service was held in St. Andrew's church. Captain Fontaine represented the general officer commanding district No. 5, while a great number of friends were present. Private Goldwell was originally of Nova Scotia and crossed overseas with the 112th battalion, being unable, however, to get to the front. Since his return he had lingered at Lake Edward.

## BILL TO PERMIT BANKS TO CLOSE AT HALF PAST TWO

### Minister of Justice Presents One in Parliament

#### SOME MATTERS UNDER THE DRAFT

#### Talked of Exemption of Bank Clerks Until Next January—The Call to Farmers—Should R. L. Richardson Have Voted?

Ottawa, May 22—There was a sequel to yesterday's decision on the Yukon election case. The solicitor-general introduced a bill for extending, in the case of the Yukon territory, the period in which a petition may be filed by forty days after the general returning officer has made his return.

The bill provides also that the soldiers' votes cast shall be counted notwithstanding the time when they were polled.

The minister of justice presented a bill enabling banks to close at 2:30 instead of 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On the orders of the day, Sir George Foster informed Hon. Charles Murphy that he would confer with the minister of militia regarding reported arrangements whereby bank clerks of twenty-two, twenty-one and twenty-two, liable to re-enlistment in June and July had been granted exemption to January 1, 1919.

The reason given for this exemption, Mr. Murphy said, was that the clerks would be required to help in the next victory loan.

Sir George E. Foster in reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier also promised to bring up the matter of men being called from farms in parts of Quebec and the maritime provinces or immediate military training when they were most needed for seeding.

Sir Wilfrid said that in some cases the men, in order to report in person, had to make a journey of forty miles.

He also reported in person in such cases he was obliged.

Speaker Blagden informed Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he would consult authorities and advise the house regarding the matter.

R. L. Richardson, who had been in the house last night, although present in the house yesterday, was not in the house today.

Sir Robert Borden, to the motion on titles, Sir Wilfrid asked for a ruling of the chair, arguing that the title of the bill was not in order.

Sir George E. Foster, minister of labor, told Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he had been advised on Monday of a strike of munition workers in Montreal.

He instructed the fair wage officer to take the matter up. He understood there was an agreement between the workers and the company but that it had not been signed by the company.

The men, he said, had been advised of the strike of the anti-loading order in Montreal, some relations of the soldiers having been arrested because they were idle.

Mr. McMaster said these men should be put to work immediately.

Hon. C. J. Doherty said it was very regrettable if the attention should be directed with the provinces and municipalities, and that attention should be drawn to any failure in the law not being properly carried out.

Sir George Foster said the house would be informed as to whether the government intended modifying the orders-in-council in Montreal, some relations of the soldiers being called to report for service.

The matter was under consideration.

The bill was passed.

Weather Report

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

Synopsis—Depression which was over the western states yesterday is now situated to the northwest of Lake Superior, causing local thunderstorms in Ontario this morning. Rain has fallen generally in Manitoba and locally in Southern Saskatchewan.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh winds, partly fair and warm with some local showers or thunderstorms; Thursday, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to south and west, partly fair and warm with some local showers or thunderstorms; Thursday, a few local showers, but mostly fair.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to cast to south winds, fine today, but some showers.

Mostly Fine

Maritime—Moderate to fresh cast to south winds, fine today; Thursday, some local showers, but mostly fair.

Superior—Fresh south to west winds, local showers today, but partly fair; Thursday, fair and not much change in temperature.

All West—Fair today and on Thursday.

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably showers except fair tonight in Maine, moderate cast to south winds.

## Will Russia Be Brought Back?

### VETERANS OF OTHER WARS IN PARTY NOW HERE FROM OVERSEAS

#### One of the Number a Man of 62—Three St. John Soldiers Among the Number

#### NEW BRUNSWICK CROP OUTLOOK IS GOOD

#### Not Enough Wheat for Ourselves, However—Potato Acreage Less Than Last Year

Fredericton, May 22—Reports from all sections of New Brunswick are that conditions for seeding have been more favorable than in any spring in years.

With a summer only fairly good, crops should be excellent. In some lines there has been decreased acreage but weather conditions may counteract this by giving a high average of production.

It is known that there has been no scarcity of seed and all requirements have been met. In all counties in which the municipal councils co-operated with the department of agriculture in the distribution of seed satisfactory results were obtained but in those in which the councils failed to co-operate such was not the case.

In many sections the farmers were able to provide their own seed wheat. Reports indicate that the acreage under potatoes in New Brunswick will be less than last year.

It is expected that there will be a marked increase in the production of wheat in New Brunswick but it is doubtful if the province will be able to meet its requirements for the whole year.

Two absentees from the 6th Field Battery, Woodstock, are held in the police station here, to be taken to the North Shore. One was brought here last night and the other arrested here.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead, provincial representative of the Canada Food Board, went to Moncton soon to organize a working men's committee to assist in the work of the committee.

#### COMPULSORY NOW IN SIMONDS AND MUSQUASH

At the noon-day meeting of the board of health it was decided to have compulsory vaccination in the parishes of Simonds and Musquash. This morning marked the beginning of the house-to-house vaccination for the whole city.

The doctors appointed by the board of health last evening started to work in their various districts this morning.

They are: Queens, Dr. Walker, Logie and McAlpine; Dulac, Dr. Macaulay and McVey; Sydney, Dr. A. R. Baxter, Kings, Dr. Neve and Rowley; Victoria, Dr. Stevenson and Mary McLeod; Fredericton, Dr. Broderick and Clarke; Lansdowne, Dr. Dalton; Lorne, Dr. Roberts and Mahoney; Stanley, Dr. Stevenson; Brooks, Guy, Pritchard and Wellington wards have already been under way.

#### URGE CANADA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS

#### Meat Economies Here Having Good Effect in Motherland

Ottawa, May 22—The Canada Food Board in receipt of a cable from the British ministry, and has advised the news that meat economies in Canada are having a good effect in the motherland.

The necessity of building up a reserve food supply is emphasized, however, and it is urged that there be no slackening in Canadian efforts to provide foodstuffs for the mother country.

#### BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Miss Mary J. Kelley took place this afternoon from her brother's residence, 86 Burpee avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. Hammond Johnson. Interment was made in Fernhill. The estate in which Miss Kelley was held in the community was marked by the beautiful floral offerings. The funeral was attended by many friends.

#### SEVEN HOURS ADRIFF ON SEAPLANE IN NORTH SEA, HIS LEG BROKEN

Paris, May 22—(By the Associated Press)—To be helpless on his seaplane in the North Sea for seven hours with a broken leg before he was rescued is the experience of an American aviator attached to the British forces.

The aviator, who comes from New York state, was operating a seaplane off the Belgian coast. He was brought down by hostile fire and his machine fell into the sea. After seven hours he was rescued and is now recovering in a hospital.

#### BATHURST AVIATOR IS POSTED AS KILLED

London, May 22—Lieut. W. M. Kent, Royal Air Force, formerly of Bathurst, N. B., previously reported missing, is posted as killed.

#### BOYS CLUB LEAGUE WANTS WEEKLY PAY

The Boys' Club baseball league will be formed at a meeting at the Boys' Club tomorrow evening at seven o'clock. Three teams are ready and a fourth is wanted. This is for the intermediate league.

## Other Plots By Huns In States

### Intrigue With Others Beside Irish SOME MORE ARRESTS

#### Quite a List, Says Dublin Report—Count Plunkett Taken to England—John Dillon Repudiates Sinn Fein Policy

#### KERENSKY IN CANADA?

#### Rumor That He Has Arrived on Steamer Bringing Danish Mission to United States

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Washington, May 22—Investigation by the state department has failed to verify reports that Kerensky had arrived here or is on his way to the United States. No record, it was said today, could be found of Kerensky's leaving Russia, and officials are inclined to doubt the reports.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, May 22—A mission from Denmark to the United States, headed by J. C. Chan, chief of the Danish foreign trade department, arrived here this morning on board a steamship from Copenhagen. It is rumored here that Kerensky's other passengers on board is A. F. Kerensky, former premier of Russia.

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#### EIGHT HOUR DAY AND INCREASE IN PAY

#### Canadian Railway Maintenance Employees to Vote—Attack on Lloyd George Objected To

Toronto, May 22—Fifteen thousand maintenance of ways employees of Canadian railways will be asked to vote on the question of pressing for an eight hour day and a substantial increase and uniform rate of pay for all maintenance of way men in Canada. The executives of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees met here yesterday and passed resolutions embodying these demands, which will be submitted to the members of the brotherhood for ratification.

The executive also passed a resolution strongly deprecating the recent action of President Waters of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, attacking the British premier, Lloyd George. Mr. Waters' attack is branded as "unjustifiable," and delegates say that they wish to dissociate themselves from the sentiments he expressed.

#### PROHIBITIONISTS WIN IN SKIRMISH BUT MAY LOSE IN FINAL VOTE

Washington, May 22—Prohibition advocates in the House yesterday won the first skirmish in a fight to force President Wilson to exercise his war time authority to prohibit the manufacture of light wines and beers as well as whiskey, the distilling of which ceased in last September under a presidential proclamation.

Sitting as a committee of the whole, the house adopted by sixty-nine to eight, an amendment to the food production bill prohibiting the expenditure of any part of the \$1,000,000 which the measure carried out President Wilson issues a proclamation prohibiting the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors of any form.

The amendment will come to a record vote in the House before final passage of the bill and opponents expect to defeat it then.

#### NEW MOVE TO MAKE THE DUTCH BOW TO WILL OF GERMANY

London, May 22—The prohibition of the sailing of all Dutch ships from Dutch ports, the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he hears, is connected with a new move by the German government to compel Holland to sign a Berlin's terms the long pending economic agreement which Holland has declined to do owing to the onerous conditions imposed by Germany.

The German government, accordingly, has refused a safe conduct to Dutch shipping through the safe zone and seized the steamship Magers, which Holland chartered to bring a cargo of wool from Sweden. The seizure was a direct challenge to Holland and it is added, the prohibition of further sailings is the sequel.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Sackville Tribune: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wiggins announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Cecilia, to Ernest E. Melville, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Melville, of St. Kitts, British West Indies, the marriage to take place on June 23.