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HAIG CONGRATULATES GALLANT DIVISIONS

Says All Enemy Efforts Will Fail if All Ranks Show the Same Resolute and Determined Courage.

London, May 1.—Field Marshal Haig has telegraphed the commander of the second army, expressing his deep appreciation of the great gallantry displayed by the 19th Division in the fighting north of the Lys and Wytschaete, which, he says, worthily upholds the traditions of the British army. General Haig also congratulates the 25th Division on its gallant counter-attack of the 26th April, the 31st Division for holding up the enemy's advance at a critical stage of the Lys

TAUK RIVER GAINED IN BRITISH ADVANCE

In Mesopotamia Operations Proceed With Vigorous Pursuit of Retreating Turks.

London, May 1.—British troops in Mesopotamia carrying on their pursuit of the retreating Turkish forces have advanced as far as the Tauk River, it is officially announced. Twelve additional field guns were captured on April 29. The total of prisoners has reached 1,800. The text of the statement reads: "On April 30 our pursuing troops advanced as far as the Tauk River. Twelve more field guns were captured on the 29th, and the number of prisoners now amounts to 1,800." The new ground covered by the British represents an advance of approximately twenty miles from the point furthest north mentioned in the official statement of yesterday announcing the beginning of the drive north from Bagdad towards the Turkish base at Mosul. Yesterday's statement reported a total of 378 prisoners taken, so that nearly 1,000 additional Turks appear to have been captured.

FURTHER BRITISH SUCCESS IN PALESTINE OPERATIONS

Forces Advance Along Line of Mile and Capture Village—Attack Foothills East of Es-Salt.

London, May 1.—An official communication issued this evening regarding the operations in Palestine says the British have advanced along a line of one mile in the vicinity of Mezrah. The village and high ground to the west were occupied after slight enemy resistance. The British troops east of the Jordan River attacked the enemy holding the foothills south of Es-Salt on Tuesday and the mounted troops were with in two miles of Es-Salt by nightfall, says another official communication tonight dealing with the fighting in Palestine and Hedjaz. The communication adds that 260 prisoners had been taken.

WILL BEAR BANNER FOR UNIONISTS IN LANARK RIDING

Carleton Place, Ont., May 1.—John A. Stewart, barrister, of Perth, Ont., was unanimously selected Unionist candidate for the byelection in Lanark riding, made necessary by the death of Dr. A. E. Hanna, M.P., in March last. Nomination takes place tomorrow at Smith's Falls, and the polling will be held May 9 if necessary. It is reported that Col. J. M. Bal-durson of Perth will contest the riding as a straight Conservative. Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of rail-ways, who was present, endorsed the choice of the convention on behalf of the government. For 14 years Mr. Stewart was high chief ranger of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

DID YOU READ THIS BEFORE?

We are compelled once more to right a wrong that exists in this city. On more than one occasion men have told us that buying a hat was an unsatisfactory experience. We did not argue the point so far as other stores were concerned, but it required little effort on our part to sell them a Dineen Hat that sent them away chuckling with a head full of satisfaction. Test it out for yourself the next time you're near our store, corner Yonge and Pennington, and be prepared for surprisingly low prices.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN FLANDERS

British Take Sixty-Three Hundred Prisoners in Past Two Fighting Months.

London, May 1.—The enemy's artillery has been active today against the back areas in the neighborhood of Bethune and has heavily shelled French positions on the Loos sector, says Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight. "On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report beyond the usual artillery activity and local encounters on both sides. "The number of German prisoners captured by the British armies in France during March was 1061, including 69 officers. In April a further 6241 prisoners, including 136 officers were captured. These figures are exclusive of the prisoners taken by the French."

LET UNITED STATES WAGE WAR ON TURKEY, ROOSEVELT URGES

Springfield, Mass., May 1.—Theodore Roosevelt declared in an address here tonight, "I propose that we declare war upon Turkey and Bulgaria this week. The Turks have massacred Armenians," Mr. Roosevelt said, "but we have not declared war upon Turkey, although she is one of the four central powers. Instead, we have appointed days of prayer for the Armenians. Moreover, we have allowed organizations to be recruited in this country for the recovery of Palestine, something that should not be permitted against a country with which we are at peace. Of course the situation is a criminal absurdity."

BAD WEATHER STOPS ALL FLYING EXCEPT FEW RECONNAISSANCES

London, May 1.—The following communication dealing with aviation was issued tonight: "Mist and rain again prevented flying Tuesday, except for a few low recon- nassances, in the course of which bombs were dropped on the enemy's troops between Loos and Voormezelle. "Ons hostile machine was forced to land behind our lines. One of ours is missing."

MUTUAL LIFE DIRECTOR DIES

Kitchener, May 1.—George Wagnemat, Waterloo, managing director of the Mutual Life Assurance Company, died at the Kitchener and Waterloo Hospital here tonight.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR CANADIAN NAVAL HERO IN SKY

Lieut. McLeod Engages in Fight With Eight Germans.

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WAR NEWS

British in Palestine capture Mezrah. Australian troops rush a German post near Metzera. In Mesopotamia the British have taken 1800 prisoners. Bohemian troops are joining the Italian troops against Austria. French positions in Loos sector have also received a heavy shelling. Allied aviators carry out numerous bombardments in the Balkans. Allenby reports an advance on a line of one mile in the Holy Land. Serbians in Macedonia repulse several Bulgarian attacks near Vetrenik. Advance of 20 miles made by British on Tigris in one day's operations. Sub-Lieut. Guerin of the French aerial service has brought down his twentieth machine. The French War Office notes quite lively bombardments in the region of Montdidier. Boys of 17 and 18 are being used by the Germans to replace casualties in some of their divisions. Field Marshal Haig reports the enemy artillery as active against back areas in the neighborhood of Bethune. Columns of General Marshall advance to Tauk River, north of Bagdad, capturing twelve additional field guns and 1000 more Turks. Six British officers and thirteen men are missing as a result of the torpedoing of the ship Cowlip and the foundering torpedo boat No. 90. Successful British attack routs Turks in the foothills south of Es-Salt, east of the Jordan, and troops advance within two miles of town by nightfall.

TWO BRITISH WARCAFT MEET DISASTER AT SEA; NINETEEN ARE MISSING

London, May 1.—Six officers and 13 men are missing as the result of two naval disasters reported tonight by the British admiralty. The sloop Cowlip was torpedoed and sunk April 25, and five officers and one man are missing, and the torpedo boat Number Nineteen was torpedoed from her own officer and twelve men are missing.

CRUISER RAMS LINER AND SIXTY-SIX PERISH

Thirty-Three of Those Missing Were Passengers—All With Many of Crew Were in Berths When Bow of Warship Struck.

An Atlantic Port, May 1.—Sixty-six persons lost their lives when the steamship City of Athens, bound from New York for Savannah, Ga., was rammed and sunk by a French cruiser off the Delaware coast at one o'clock this morning. The missing include ten men and two women who were passengers, seven out of twenty-four United States marines who were on board, fourteen out of twenty French sailors and thirty-three members of the crew. Captain Forward, who was one of those saved, was painfully injured. Both ships were carrying running lights because of the heavy fog which hung over the sea. F. J. Doherty, the wireless operator, was able to send out only one "S.O.S." call after the warship's bow plunged into the City of Athens' side. All the passengers and many of the crew were in their berths when the bow of the warship plunged into the side of the 2300-ton coastwise vessel. Fire broke out almost immediately afterward in hold No. 1, and in which the state constabulary, Socialists, comparative safety before falling himself from exhaustion and loss of blood. Lieut. McLeod is now in a London hospital and his condition is serious.

SENSATIONAL RAID ON GERMAN RESORT

Fifty-One Patrol Wagons Needed to Carry Crowd to Armory.

Detroit, Mich., May 1.—Twelve hundred men and more than a score of women were taken in a sensational raid on Turner Hall, a German resort on the east side, late this afternoon, in which the state constabulary, Socialists, comparative safety before falling himself from exhaustion and loss of blood. Lieut. McLeod is now in a London hospital and his condition is serious.

MESSAGE OF QUEEN INSPIRING TO ARMY

London, May 1.—Queen Mary's letter to the troops, the text of which was cabled to Canada on April 29, has been published in a special order for the information of the troops in France, with the following telegram to the Queen from General Haig: "The message your majesty sent to the army and air force in the name of the women of the British Empire will inspire with new strength and determination all those brave men from every part of the British front in Flanders who are fighting so gallantly for all they hold most dear. They who with their own eyes daily see the women and children homeless and once peaceful and prosperous villages and towns ruined and in flames, have resolved that their own loved ones and homes shall not share the sufferings. No peril can be too great, no sacrifice too extreme to save their country from such a fate. Side by side with our gallant allies, whose wrong we regard as our own and are determined to set right, we will persevere in the fight against all odds until victory is at last achieved. In this great struggle we are heartened by the love and confidence of the women of the British Empire, of which your majesty's most gracious message has given such moving expression."

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SEVERAL BULGARIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Paris, May 1.—An official communication says: "Eastern theatre.—There ensued reciprocal artillery activity in various sectors. On the Serbian front in the neighborhood of Vetrenik several Bulgarian attacks were repulsed. Dispersed enemy reconnoissances. Numerous bombardments were carried out by allied aviators. Two enemy airplanes were brought down." Number of Tribunals, 1395; Total Cost to Date, \$268,749. Ottawa, May 1.—According to a return tabled in parliament at the request of Mr. White of Victoria, the number of local tribunals appointed thruout Canada under the M. S. A. was 1395. The total cost of the tribunals to date has been \$268,749. This sum is not inclusive of a number of outstanding claims.

KEMMEL MAY BE DEATH TRAP FOR CAPTORS

British and French Artillery Are Deluging the Hill With Shells.

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A LULL BEFORE STORM

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