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ed posesssion of the hill. The Britisn almost immediately organized a coun-tor-attack and forced the enemy out. Recaptured the Hill.

drove forward.

the next move has thus far been connext day the Germans ceded, is still bolding his hand. They made such a It seems passing strange that the assault that they again captur-

terday. No other infantry action of import-ance has occurred in the past 24 hours. Raids and minor operations have been continued by both sides, and the artillery has been avoid to begin operations as soon as per enenity has not made any big drive The despatch adds: and the artillery has been exceedbe termed—indicates the probability of an extensive push being in preingly busy at many points. The Ger-man gunners have been pounding the back areas hard, and during the past paration. 24 hours great quantities of gas shells

The completion of the enemy plans The completion of the energy plans undoubtedly has been hampered greatly by the excellent counter-work of the allies, particularly in the avia-tion and artillery branches, but even this could hardly hold back an attack indexider. indefinitely. There are many signs that point to a violent attack such as ushered in the offensive of March 21,

by the allied machine guns, which were worked to the last minute. One

ance yesterday and ought to be luxuri-

antly green in a couple of days more.

and more farmers than ever will try

to thresh some of their clover this com-

high prices for meat and dairy products

high rate fixed for the grain.

that "enormous losses" had been suf-fered by the various British units on blew back over their territory and

forced them to don gas masks. For-tunately for the enemy the gas was only irritant, not lethal. the Lys and Somme battlefields. FRENCH SWORN IN

TO HIS NEW OFFICE CONSTANTINE WORSE.

Ex-King of Greece Has Relapse, With High Fever.

have been thrown by long range guns.

Prisoners recently captured declare that the German losses in their at-tack between Voormezeele and, La

Clyite on May 8 were heavy. Espe-cially severe casualties were inflicted

Dublin, May 12.—Field Marshal Viscount Fre.ich was sworn in yester-day as lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland at a meeting of the Irish privy ccuncil. Lieut.-General Bryant Mahon handed over the sword of office. which he had held tempor-arily. Paris, May 12—Ex-King Constantine of Greece, who is ill at Zurich and recently was reported to have passed the danger point, is now said in a Zur-ich despatch to The Petit Journale, to be in a very grave condition. He has had a relapse, and has a high fever. arily. Edward Shortt was sworn in as chief secretary for Ireland. chlef secretary for Ireland. THE HUSTLE ON THE LAND London, May 12.—French troops on the Flanders front improved their positions north of Kemmel Village "The hostile artiliery was active

Toronto

G. A. M. Davison is appointed clerk o the Township of Markham.

coid as last work. And good for the farmer and his crops. The farmers are still straining to get in all the oats and Ancre River sector east of Loos, and here are the ancre sector east of Loos, and south of Voormezeele." barley they can; and this new week will in Flanders south of Voormezeele. Sixty members of the Canadian Army be devoted to plowing, seeding and roli-Service Corps leave for Niagara to join ing barley and oat fields. After that Canadian Engineers. roots, corn, potatoes, buckwheat and any-

stable Brown, 118 Ferrier avenue, dies thing else they can plant. The dairy herds, young cattle, sheep, The Village of Unionville will send to pasture all over Ontario because of Ypres-Comines Canal. We secured after three days' illness.

large deputation to Ottawa to protest the sudden burst of verdure following the a abundant rain of the last four or five against Military Service Act. The spring wheat and the early-seeded BRITISH AIRMEN ASSAIL

The executive committee of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association agrees to oats and barley all had a fine appearprotest against the 1918 assessment.

in Massey Hall in celebration of the anni- The clover fields are also coming on well One thousand Poles attend a meeting versary of the Polish Constitution.

Enforcement of the Military Service ing harvest for seed purposes, A few Act is being transferred from the de- bushels of cloverseed are worth more partment of justice to the department than fifty bushels of wheat, even at the of militia.

Rev. Dr. Carille, Folkestone, England, preaching in Walmer- Road Baptist Church, denounces neutrality toward

of productiveness.

Theatre and a nearby pool room.

London, May 12 .- In a wireless With the British Army in France, May 12 .- Von Hindenburg, to whom message to Ambassador Joffe at Berlin the Russian foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin, instructs the ambassador to "rty to obtain from Berlin cessation of every kind of hostility."

> "Captures of our territory are in violation of the state of peace with Germany, and are causing great unrest among the masses of our popu-

M. Joffe also is instructed to notify Germany that part of the Russian Black Sea fleet which has left Sebastopol is now at Novorossysk, on the east coast of the Black Sea, which port the Germans are threatening to capture on the ground that their own

warships are in danger of attack by the Russians, M. Tchitcherin says the Russian warships there will make no such attack. A Reuter despatch filed at Moscov

FRENCH BETTER POSITION

ABOVE KEMMEL VILLAGE

Allies Take Hundred Prisoners in Local Operation

in Flanders-British Repulse German Raiders

Near Ypres-Comines Canal.

yesterday and took more than 100 last night and early this morning in

were worked to the last minute. One prisoner said he saw rapid-firers shooting into the advanced German lines at a range of about four yards. The allied artillery and rifle fire also took a heavy toll. Considerable discreganization was

considerable disorganization was wireless despatches regarding the ships. The reason assigned for this action is an attack said to have been cause the gas from their gas shells that "enormous losses" had been made on a German submarine in the made on a German submarine in the part of the Canadian Government railways.

The statement follows:

"In a success'ul local operation yesterday French troops improved their positions north of Kemmel Vil-lage and_c.ptured over 100 prisoners.

and machine guns were captured by

"A hostile raiding party was re-

TURK CAMP ON TIGRIS

London, May 12 .- An official report

miles north of Pekrit. A large num-!

and the Tigris."

of military operations in Mesopotamia

trian positions at Coj Della Orso and destroyed the garrison in hand to

hand fighting. At several other posi-tions along the northern front the Italians have worsted the enemy in engagements evidently started with the intention of rectifying the line.

The Austrian emperor,, accompanied by his foreign minister, has paid a visit to the Italian front, afterwards proceeding to German headquarters. The taking of the initiative into their hands apparently aur well for the morale of the Italians, and it is not mprobable that, with the snows in the mountain passes having melted, and the spring freshets on the wane,

it is their purpose now to make things interesting for the invaders. TAKES OVER RAILWAYS. calm

St. John, May 12 .- Orders-in-council have been signed at Ottawa to provide for taking over the York Central, ie Havelock ad Elgin, and the Salisbury and Albert Railways, as a

front.

The statement follows:

"There was rather violent artillery were 15 officers and 300 other ran fighting in the region west of Mailly-Fusiliers Regiment was "among the Raineval. "A German attack on our new regiments which have suffered most neavily." This unit lost 25 officers "A German attack on our northwest of Orvillers-Sorel met tions northwest of Orvillers-Sorel met with a complete check. Our fire in-with a complete check. Our fire in-with a complete check. The 4th Yorkshires, Berlin assert-The 4th Yorkshires, Berlin assert-

flicted serious losses on the Germans, who left prisoners in our hands. "The artillery fighting was spirited on the right bank of the Meuse (Vered, "were captured almost complete." The Yorkshires had 191 men missing PILLAGING GERMANS

dun front) in the sector between Gaurieres Wood and Chambrettes. "Everywhere else the night was

The war office announcement last night reads: "After very violent artillery actions

the Germans, with special assault troops, attacked this morning our positions in the Bois la Caune, south-west of MaiNy-Raineval. Favored by candidate officer. Writing at Caix, on the southern battlefront, on April 22, he said that an attack which had been planned to take place previously had been delayed because a German naval division had pillaged Albert and creatmist the enemy gained a footing in the northern part of the wood, but was ed disorder.

driven out by a brilliant counter-atariven out by a brilliant counter-at-tack by our troops, who completely re-established our lines. The Germans huffered very heavy losses and left in our hands about one hundred un-wounded prisoners, fifteen machine guns, and material. Belgians carry out raid of Dismude

"There was lively artillery action in the vicinity of Orvillers-Sorel.

AMERICANS DISCOVER

HAMLET EVACUATED British Army Council places Maurice on retired pay. With the American Army in France British on east bank of Vardar

With the American Army in France, May 12.—In the Luneville sector our patrols early this morning established the fact that the Hamlet of Ancer-viller has been abandoned by the en-emy. The Germans have not even attempted to occupy shell holes in the salient which recently was torn by our artillery. Quiet prevails today Bulgarian patrol to flight, British repulse hostile raiding party near Tpres-Comines Canal.

French in Belgium capture Hill 44

ville-Vitasse,

War News

British repel German raid near Neu

by our artillery. Quiet prevails today on all fronts on which there are Amoddeszone Farm, in local attack, French drive Germans out of Bols ericans, according to reports. Poor Caune after enemy entered it in an at-

visibility has prevented extended aerial activity. French completely check German at-

No Racing and Great Drouth. Sorel.

the neighborhood of Neuville-Vitasse was repulsed. There is nothing fur-ther of special interest to report." One of the war restrictions that goes into full force this year does away with "With the exception of artillery activity on both sides, there is nothracing over Canada. Woodbine and all the other tracks go dead. Any one who ing further to report," says tonight's off.cial statement. wishes to race or see racing will have

to go to the States-and racing is greatly limited there.

rather large staff employed in the busi-

London, May 12 -The army council, having considered the explanations tenedered by Gen. Frederick B. Maur- tracks are concerned. Frank Nelson has issued by the war office today reads: ice, has decided that he shall be "On May 8 fifty-five prisoners were placed forthwith on retired pay."

Feed for his live stock at the present high prices for meat and dairy products at Fabah. on the Tigr's, 32 ment from the war office. It reads as other directorship. The racing public in "The army council, having consid- their extremity may take holiday jobs

principles of right and justice. Forty-four men are held in No. 2 police station for production of exemption papers following a raid on the National These and a raid on the National These and a raid on the National These and a raid on the National

half of the Picardy battlefront broke down with severe losses, it is an-nounced officially. There was violent artillery fighting near Mailly-Raineval, on the front be-near Mailly-Raineval, on the Verdun

The 5th Berkshire Regiment was, according to the Germans, "annihil-ated." The Berkshires' casualties ground is worth, the whole aim being to reduce the enemy to such a state of exhaustion that our reserve at the Berlin asserted that the 23rd Royal right moment can restore the situa tion.

In the present operations the British army has withstood many times its army has withstood many times its cwn weight of encury masses, and it has retired slowly, exacting the fullest price. Meanwhile Foch holds the bulk of the French in reserve, sending units only to points hard pressed. This strategy has justified itself in that in three wesks it has seen the enemy brought to a standstill without a single strategic objective being ful-SPOILED THE ATTACK

With the British Army in France, May 12.—An interesting entry has been found in the diary of a German

in three wesks it has seen the enemy brought to a standstill without a single strategic objective being ful-filled and losses so immense that his reserve is in danger of proving inade-quate to his policy. Enemy Allies Quarreling. The German commander, seeing how nearly he is delivering himself to the allied reserve, has been compelled to accept temporary failure and call a hait. His position is tactically ex-posed in two dangerous salients on waterlogged ground. His countrymen are dangerously diseatisfied at the immense price paid for his failure to terminate their sufferings. His allies are on the verge of quarreling, and daily exhibit their growing dislike and daily exhibit their growing dislike and distrust to the taskmaster who robs them of their lives and food. Reserves Near Exhaustion. His reserves have nearly reached complete exhaustion. Those of the Franco-British are still in beins, while the American preparations de-velop. The time draws closer when defeat is inevitable. Therefore he must renew the offensive. His pre-parations proceed feverishly, but it takes months properly to organize such an offensive. He must be sat-isfied with what he can do in weeks. We may, therefore, expect a renewed furious onshaught before long. The isfied with what he can do in weeks. We may, therefore, expect a renewed furious onslaught before long. The enemy is so committed to his stra-tegical plans that we may swalt his main blow on the Arras-Amiens front, while necessity compels him to try to improve his position in the Low sector.

sector. The allies may have complete confi-dence in the result. For the enemy the issue is a desperate endeavor to avoid defeat; for the allies the issue is only that of victory deferred. The coming battle may be a repetition of Verdun on a larger scale, and if both sides should be exhausted, the allies have vast powers of recuperation. while Germany has drafted her re-courses already. tack on new positions north of Orvillers-British take 55 prisoners near Kerkuk sources already.

DON'T BE A PESSIMIST.

headquarters. Someone has said that "the most Submarine sinks British mine-sweeping sloop, two officers and thirteen men being missing. Italian troops storm Austrian post at Col Dell Orfo, and also Monte Corno, in Trentino, taking 100 prisoners.

Someone has said that "the most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness." No doubt it's a big man's job these days to keep smillng, and it takes a big heart, but it's got to be done, and it is just another evi-dence of the true Canadian spirit that there are more bright faces on Yonge Trentino, taking 100 prisoners. French troops, alongside the British in Flanders, improved positions near Kem-mel Village, taking 100 prisoners. British airplanes in France drop over 14 tons of bombs on Peronne, Bapaume. British David Cacherone, Bapaume. 14 tons of David Cacherone, Bapaume. British airplanes in France drop over 14 tons of bombs on Peronne, Bapaume. British airplanes and the British is 16 there are more bright taces on forge street than the pessimist will ever see. Of course a fine fitting new spring hat or cap adds to one's ap-pearance materially, and since we im-port the products of world-famed hat-ters from England and America the best advice is to call at Dineen's, cor-

and attack Turkish camp at Fabah with aircraft. Von Hindenburg is stripping Germany dry of forces for a resumption of his offensive Emperor Charles of Austria sets out with his military advisers to German

There will be no wages here for the

UPON RETIRED PAY ness; no iron men to bet with and no bookmakers looking for the verdant in-

captured near Kerkuk, and the same The retirement of Gen. Maurice was ing the nice white breeches of the dainty

general headquarters in France last

night says: "A raid attempted by the enemy in

GEN. MAURICE PLACED

day our airplanes attacked Turkish Made known tonight by a brief state- jocks. W. P. Fraser has turned farmer,

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vestors-at least as far as Canadian retired as turf writer for The Globe. The laundry men will lose the job of wash-