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Wave After Wave Of Enemy Driven Back By The French Troops

Very Severe Fighting on Champagne Front But Petain's Guns and Bayonets Effective And Germans Suffer Heavily

Paris, May 31 (noon)—The Germans attacked the French lines in the Champagne with extreme violence at several points last night. The attacking forces were checked at some places by the French fire and at others at the point of the bayonet, the Germans retiring each time after heavy losses.

The fighting was particularly desperate in the region of Teton, the Casque and Mont Haut, the attack being launched in four successive waves, after a heavy bombardment from large calibre guns and suffocating gas shells. The French took prisoners during the fighting, including two officers.

London, May 31.—A hostile raiding party was driven off early this morning from the Champagne front. The raid was a considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and on the right bank of the Scarpe.

French Report in Detail
Paris, May 31.—The French statement in detail follows:
"Ther was pronounced activity by the artillery south of St. Quentin and on the Chemin-des-Dames, north of Joux, near Cerny and in the vicinity of Hartehies, Cerny and in the vicinity of Hartehies, where patrol encounters also occurred.

Northwest of Auberville and at Mont Blond all the German efforts were checked by our fire. The enemy attacked with particular strength our positions at the Teton, the Casque and Mont Haut. We repulsed four different attacks after a struggle of extreme severity. The fighting began at about two o'clock and was continued until daybreak. Broken up by our fire or repulsed by our bayonet, the attacking troops were hurled back in disorder to the trenches whence they came, after having suffered heavy losses. Only at our attack on the front at Hartehies, northeast of the Champagne front, did our troops gain a footing in some advanced positions. We took prisoners of whom two are officers.

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ST. JOHN SERGEANT DECORATED WITH M. D. IN ENGLAND

Medal Presented to W. L. Gifford by General Steele

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Saturday afternoon at the General's residence at Walmers, which for many months, under Lady Sargent's devoted direction, has been used as St. Anselm's V. A. D. hospital. The occasion was the presentation, by General S. B. Steele, M. D., G. O. C. troops, Shorncliffe, of the Military Medal to two patients, one of whom was Sergeant W. L. Gifford, of the 28th Canadian Battalion, who has been very ill and has been in a considerable time at St. Anselm's, and it was in his honor that the presentation was originally intended to take place, but only two days before he became known that another of the patients, Sgt. J. Barry, of the 8th Dorsets, had also been awarded the Military Medal, and by telegraphing the medal was obtained in time for the two presentations to take place together.

By the kindness of Brigadier-General W. C. Murray, M. D., who was unavoidably prevented from being present, the band of the Royal Marines, under Band-Sergeant Murphy, was in attendance for a considerable time at St. Anselm's, and it was in his honor that the presentation was originally intended to take place, but only two days before he became known that another of the patients, Sgt. J. Barry, of the 8th Dorsets, had also been awarded the Military Medal, and by telegraphing the medal was obtained in time for the two presentations to take place together.

The construction of four retaining walls, Broad, Brussels and Clarendon streets, and St. James street, West End, at an estimated cost of \$6,414, was approved by the common council in committee this morning. Tenders will be called for the two larger pieces of work. Commissioner Fisher introduced a resolution for the purpose of attempting to settle the plumbers' strike through the intervention of the common council, but it was not adopted.

It was announced that the city bill for the regulation of the business of second-hand dealers is meeting some opposition at Fredericton and the commissioner of safety and the chief of police were by Gen. Von Below, formerly in command of the German forces on the Montserrat front. He was recently brought across Europe to command one of the armies on the Arras line.

LEAVES MUCH OF HIS ESTATE TO CHURCH
Will of Bernard Flanagan Divides More Than \$5,000
The will of Bernard Flanagan, retired farmer, who died recently in Matier, Misericordiae Home, has been admitted to probate and Henry Gallagher and J. A. Barry, as executors. J. B. M. Baxter is executor. The estate, which consists of a mortgage and cash in banks, totals \$5,378.09. The bequests are: Sisters of Charity, \$800, for the benefit of the Mater Misericordiae Home, \$100 for the benefit of the orphanage, \$100 for the benefit of the orphanage at Cliff street.

In Brussels street an old timber wall at the old Everett foundry site is in bad condition and a concrete wall to replace it is estimated to cost \$2,000.

In Clarendon street, from Douglas street to the city wall, is required at an estimated cost of \$540.

On Commissioner Wigmore's inquiry it was decided to secure the city solicitor's opinion on the city's liability to construct retaining walls to secure private property.

Inquiry was made regarding the existence of bond issues against these walls in the chamberlain, who was called, said there were none.

In reply to the mayor, Commissioner Fisher recommended that the work outlined be done by the department at day's work. In reply to a question why tenders should not be called, he said he had reasons which he did not wish to give in the newspapers.

Commissioner McEllan moved, in amendment, that plans be prepared and tenders be called for the St. James street and Brussels street walls. The amendment was carried. Applications for permission to erect electric signs, from Dr. J. C. Doore, 340 Main street, and J. A. Whitehead, 109 Union street, were granted, on motion of Commissioner Fisher.

To Settle Strike. Commissioner Fisher referred to the fact that the plumbers' strike, which has continued for five weeks, was creating a serious condition and he suggested that the council should attempt to arrange a settlement. He moved that both employers and employes be asked to submit to the council statements of their claims and the council should attempt to arrange a settlement. He moved that both employers and employes be asked to submit to the council statements of their claims and the council should attempt to arrange a settlement.

GIANTS WON ANOTHER
In the East End league on Wednesday night the Giants defeated the Mariners by a score of 7 to 6. The batteries were: For the winners, Ritchie and Foster; for the losers, Clayton and Moshier.

BANK CLEARINGS
St. John bank clearings, week ending Thursday, May 31, \$2,289,132.



REMIT SENTENCES ON THE FINLANDERS
Action of Russian Government—Repressive Measures Against Abuse of Alcohol
Petrograd, May 31, via London.—The provisional government, on the proposal of the Finnish senate, has proclaimed the complete or partial remission of sentences pronounced on all Finnish citizens for crimes or offenses committed prior to March 20, 1917.

BRITISH LABOR M.P.'S ARE EXPECTED AT THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE
Stockholm, May 31, via London.—The Dutch and Scandinavian socialist committee has been informed that the British labor socialist organization will send representatives to the Stockholm conference. G. H. Roberts and Ramsay MacDonald, labor M. P.'s, are expected.

FLOUR AGAIN DECLINES
Manitoba flour is down another fifty cents, and is now quoted at \$14 wholesale. Ontario flour is also expected to go lower.

FIVE MAKE AIR TRIP FROM ENGLAND TO ROME
Rome, May 31.—A British biplane with five persons on board, arrived here yesterday direct from London, having stopped only at Paris, Turin and Pisa. The aviators were given an enthusiastic reception here.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN
Madrid, May 31, via Paris.—According to the newspapers, the constitutional guarantees will be suspended again in two or three days.

WEATHER REPORT
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

HAWAIIAN STEAMER DESTROYED BY FIRE AFTER EXPLOSION
San Francisco, May 31.—The steamer Hanakua, of the Inter-Island Steamship Navigation Company, Honolulu, Hawaii, was destroyed by fire caused by explosion of the island of Maui of the Hawaiian group yesterday, according to a cablegram received today by the San Francisco cable of commerce.

CHURCHILL AGAIN TO BE IN GOVERNMENT?
London, May 31.—The Daily Chronicle says that Winston Spencer Churchill, former First Lord of the Admiralty, recently has been offered an important post in the government. The newspaper says nothing concerning his acceptance or declination of the offer.

More Improvements Planned By C. P. R. Double Engine House Accommodation at McAdam Junction And Build New One at Brownville to Hold 18—Other Work

Some time ago a report was published giving details of improvements to be made in St. John and elsewhere in the New Brunswick division by the Canadian Pacific Railway and today work was received at the local headquarters that the improvements had been approved and necessary appropriations granted.

MONCTON CITIZENS IN GET-TOGETHER BANQUET OF RETAIL MERCHANTS
Nearly 100 of Moncton's prominent citizens gathered on Tuesday evening at a "get together banquet" of the Moncton Branch of The Retail Merchants' Association, in the Y. M. C. A. building, Moncton, and talked over the business affairs of the city.

LETTERS WOULD COME OUT IN BOOK FORM
Ambulance Volant, Mobile, No. 1, Sector "My Beloved Polius" did not reach me until sometime after I arrived here. It went to Divonne after I had left, and then came back through Paris. I got the notification about the money from Messrs. Morgan, Hazes & Co., and they said the book, which had been forwarded, would explain it. It thought it was written by one of my friends, so I was very pleased that the book had come to me. We need more than ever here and cannot expect people to keep on giving when there are so many demands on every side. They have all been so good and generous to my Polius. I shall write more fully about it very soon, but have not had a minute, there has been such a rush ever since we came. We are getting some more words open and some new nurses come tomorrow. Whenever there is a hull we have to get to the next rest—and it was harder because we had to take in patients before every thing was in good working order. However, they have done so well, and are so happy. One poor man who has been a long time in the hospital, and he has had the war begun. Just think of how he must have suffered to feel like that. His wife has nearly three years old, and he has never seen her. He addresses Miss "My Beloved Polius," for I never should have given-it, and just think what a loss it would have been to my Polius.

THE MEN ACCEPT
Winnipeg, May 31.—Nine hundred employees of the Winnipeg Street Railway this morning decided to accept the award of the board of arbitrators which dealt with the demands of the union for increased pay and better working conditions. The company still has to be heard.

BOARD OF HEALTH
The Board of Health officials are preparing milk licenses, as they apply to stores, dairies and other places. The inspectors report three cases of scarlet fever in the city. The houses have been placard for diphtheria at present, although there are two cases reported in the hospital.

SIGNS OF EARTHQUAKE
Cleveland, May 31.—Earth shocks were recorded in the Metropolitan Observatory early today. Beginning at 4:03 a.m. they reached a maximum at 4:15 and subsided at 4:10 a.m. No estimate as to distance or location is given.

RUMOR OF ELECTION SOON IF COALITION SCHEME FAILS
(Ottawa Press)
Ottawa, May 31.—Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, Hon. George H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia and Newton W. Rowell, Liberal opposition leader in the Ontario legislature, have been invited to enter the dominion cabinet, according to an article on the political situation published in this morning's Journal-Freeze.

SENIOR OFFICERS OF KILTIES NOT TO GO OVERSEAS
That is Latest Report—Unit to be Taken Over Under Command of Major
The senior officers of the 236th Kiltie Battalion will not proceed to England with the unit, and that the unit will cross to England in command of a major, it is a rumor that emanates from an authoritative source. The number of junior officers that will proceed to England with the unit is yet undetermined. The number of men who pass the final medical examination. Should 600 of the members of the unit pass the examination, about eighteen junior officers will cross with them. The rank of the senior officers is as yet unknown, but it is likely that the militia department will find employment for many of them, and those who returned men, with but few exceptions.

EDOUARD DE RESZKE DEAD
Copenhagen, May 31.—A despatch, to the Herin Lokal Anstifter from Faerø says that Edouard de Reszke, famous as a grand opera singer, is dead at his estate in Eriksberg, Poland.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
About ten members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus returned to the city on the noon train from Calais where they had been in attendance at the commemoration of the third centenary of the discovery of America. There were about thirty members from the city present and most of them came down yesterday by motor. They are expected home this afternoon. The local members who have so far returned were: Edouard de Reszke, a basso, for many years was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. He was born in Warsaw in 1855, and made his operatic debut in Paris in 1875. He was a brother of the famous tenor, Jean de Reszke.

MEANWHILE, it is agreed in some parliamentary quarters that Sir Robert is waiting all the situation clears one way or the other before going on with consideration of the constitution bill, which is said to be ready for introduction to the house.