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Dominion Boys Continually Harass and Worry Enemy With Few Casualties -\_verybody to Write Home On May 12.

C. Wewburn, minister of militia, received today a cable from Sir Ed-ward Kemp, minister of overseas forces, regarding the operations on the Canadian front during the past few days. The cable states: "On April 21, Saskatchewan troops entered the enemy trenches, inflicted casualties and captured one wounded

"On April 22, the German trenches were raided at six different points during the night. The Canadians inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and captured five prisoners and two machine guns.
'Ontario troops repulsed a hostile causing numerous casualties

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, via London, April 27.—By W. A. Willison Canadian Press Correspondent.—Carrying out a deliberate policy of harassing and worrying the enemy, the Canadians, all along their front, are raiding the Bosche lines persistently. Not a night passes without one or two rails, some of them of minor nature, against hostile posts, others in strength, penetrating the enemy's front line and support areas. Our domination of No Man's Land has never been more complete, nor have we ever conducted such constant copyrations of an aggressive character, will ess cost to ourselves.

Very Few Casualites.

Solution has raided the enemy five times in the past week without suffering a single casualty. A sergeant in another regiment working his way alone to the enemy lines, found thirteen Bosches asleep beside a machine gum. He crept into the post, calculate the sun, returned with it to continued on Page Free. be enemy."

calculate sun. He crept into the post, calculate sun, returned with it to our lines, ind organized an offensive party which went back to get some of the Bosc hos. But the garrison had wakened in the meantime, and had been reinfor been worrying the enemy, for been worrying the enemy, so constantly and so successfully, securing identifications, bombing dugouts, rushing posts and penetrating outs, rushing posts and penetrating the opposite lines, our artillery has been very better the conditions of the strength of the post with intensive barrage fire, but in har sesing the enemy.

Mothers' Day at Front.

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In the midst of such war activity comprehens by Preparations are being made to have Mothers' Day, May 12, observed throughout the corps. The chaplains are giving special addresses at parade ser vices voluntary mid-week and Sunday evening meetings, while the religious work committee of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. is conducting a movement and at having eveny a movement blome to his mother on that day.

London Officer, New Base Commandant in France, Brings Optimistic Message.

EVERYONE IS CONFIDENT

Realize They Have Tremendous Fight, But Hopeful"-Little Crime Overseas.

Col. Frank Reid, commandant of an infantry base in France, and who first went overseas with the first contingent, is spending a few days at his home in this city. He arrived home Friday and will remain here possibly a week. He has returned partly on sick leave and partly on duty.

Having left France only two weeks ago Friday, Col. Reid brings a first-hand message from the boys at the front.

of Last Year.

London, April 27 .- Casualties in the British ranks reported this week totalled 18,369. The losses were divided as fol-

Killed or Died of Wounds-Officers, 408; men, 2,661. Wounded or Missing-Officer, 2,071;

# movement atmost at having movement atmost an attention to the day. The exocitation is to supply specialist of any elementary printed envelopes to the men, and is posting up large cards in the cantage of the men, and built is cinemas to being shown at all builtins are urgin; the men to write its cinemas operated with a message to Canadian printed with a men, 13,229. Despite the heavy fighting for more the surface only now beginning to approach the high figures for week after on the offensive on the western front. The increase recently has been on the average of 50 per cent each week over the week preceding. Last week the aggregate was 12,368, and the previous week, 8,129. RRITISH AND GERMANS Woundamen, 13,229. Despite the heavy fighting for more the same than a month past the British casualities reported are only now beginning to approach the high figures for week after on the offensive on the western front. The increase recently has been on the average of 50 per cent each week over the week preceding. Last week the aggregate was 12,368, and the previous week, 8,129. RRITISH AND GERMANS OLL LECT. New York, April 27.—Sir Robert Borden, who is in the United States for a conference on Canadian and American financial relations, met Sir Thomas White, Canadian minister of finance, who had been in New York for some time, and members of the British mission to the United States here today. The conference was held in the premier's apartments at his hotel. Premier Borden said that he could make no announcement to the public. Anything he had to say regarding his trip here, he remarked, he would state FOUGHT IT OUT AT MIDNIGHT

How Haig's Heroes Won Mad of the young German lieutenants, asked the latter to explain why the German Struggle for Possession of

usted the Germans from Villers-Breonneux, south of the Somme, was a very problems and others of similar nature for some time. The captured officers appeared to be clean-cut fellows town had been cleared of the enemy by of good types. hear the rallway station and the other near the neighboring monument of the war of 1870. These pockets were cleared up last evening.

Several light British tanks were used against the enemy at the monument. There was fierce fighting in the streets, and the export of the counter-attack at 11 o'clock. British gunners had been deluging the place with gas, and the assaulting infantry went in wearing gas masks.

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Fought With Masks.

The Germans also were forced to don their masks and the streets were filled quickly with madly-fighting men, who looked like beings from another world in the big eyes of their face-protectors. The town hall was ful of Boches. Many of them had retired to the cellar, stems of the same of

Among the prisoners captured several young officers, who gave their opinion of things in general with recompand. The men held a meeting yesterday at the flasco which the Germans had made of the Villers-Bretonneux attack.

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## NURSES FROM WHOLE PROVINCE



Some of the delegates to the nurses' convention of Ontario which concluded its sessions at the Victoria Hospital today.

## POWER ORDER FIASCO REMAINS AS BEFORE; MAYOR STILL HOPEFUL OF

'Understands," He Tells Adv ertiser, That Much-Talked-O Ruling Will Come Shortly-Camouflage Somewhere, Belief of Utilities Commissioner Mitchell.

Friday Sir Adam Beck stated that, in so far as he was aware, no order had been made by Sir Henry Drayton, dominion power controller, for the operation of the London Electric plant.

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The mayor somewhat qualified his assurances, however, by adding: "Positive assurances that one gets one day are, when one talks to others and receives additional information, changed." The mayor followed this qualification with his first statement that be had been given to "understand" that the plant would start in a week.

The mayor sattitude seemed to be not of playing safe. He hesitated seemingly to give out the information which his first statement that be had gleaned for fear that it might be wrong.

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TO REORGANIZE

Assault On the Entente's

Ypres Line.

With the British Army in France, April 27.—Gen. von Arnim, commander of the German troops in the Ypres sector, paused last night in his drive against the Entente Allied territory about Kemmel, undoubtedly to enable the reorganization of his forces for a fresh attack. Corpus artilleny continues to

tack. German artillery continues to hammer the defending positions, but during the early hours today no fresh German offensive in this region was recorded.

MANY WORKMEN ARE

SERIOUSLY HURT IN

Engine Smashed Door, Pinioning Down Nine Men.

closed by a workman unawares to the

pinning a number of men who happened

to be on the inside waiting for their

time cards. Two men were so badly in-

KINGSTON ACCIDENT

## FREE PERFORMANCE OF "BLUE BIRD" IS EAGERLY AWAITED

Many inquiries have been received since it was anounced that The Advertiser had arranged for a free showing of Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" at the Majestic Theatre next Saturday morning for the school children of London.

## CHANCE FOR THOSE MISSED!

Were you missed in the big campaign for patriotic and war activities? Were you out when the canvassers called? If so, are the canvassers called? If so, are you going to pass up your chance of sharing the war work of the various organizations concerned? If you were one of those who were missed, visit your nearest drug store at once and leave your donation. Subscriptions are also received at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Richmond and

210 days. Rules for Dealers.

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Any wholesale or any retail dealer deensed by the Canada food board may not hold flour made wholly or in part from wheat, in excess of a quantity sufficient for his ordinary trade requirements for a period not exceed-**BELGIAN DRIVE** on and after May 1st, it will be illegal to feed or permit the feeding of milling wheat or any product thereof, except bran and shorts, to live-Germans Preparing for Fresh stock or poultry, or to permit such Any person holding or having under

must accept, if it be in good condition, and pay for it at the purchase price or the market price on April 20, 1918, which ever be the lower.

Every dealer in wheat flour must report forthwith to the millers' committee, 178 Queen street, Ottawa, the quantities of flour held in excess of his requirements for 60 days, and must give the name of the miller manufacturing the winter ice piled up around it, but when the ice disappeared the object still remained. An investigation may prove the be a submerged boat, and it is possible some connection between it and the big storm of November 9 may be established.

THE WEATHER

requirements for 60 days, and must give the name of the miller manufacturing such flour, the brand, date of purchase, person from whom purchased, price paid, and the dealer's requirements for the months of May, June and July.

The violation of any of the provisions of the order, makes the offender liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000, or imprisonment for a period of about three months, or both fine and imprisonment.

Where proceedings are instituted by any municipality, the fine will be paid into the municipal treasury, and where instituted by a provincial officer, the fine will be paid to the provincial treasurer.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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TOMORROW—WARMER.

Toronto, April 27—8

Forecasts.

Easterly winds: a few light showers, but partly fair today a solution of the control of the c

In addition to any penalties for the [Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, April 27.—One of the worst accidents in the history of the Canadian Locomotive Works occurred this morning when a donkey engine crashed through a door which had been suddenly closed by a workenen unawares to the

### engineer and knocked down a big door, DUBLIN'S MAYOR DROPS TRIP TO WASHINGTON

time cards. Two men were so badly injured that only slight hopes are entertained for their recovery, while seven others suffered very serious injuries.

Frank King of 148 Bay street fared the worst. His recovery is doubtful. Francis McQuaid had a leg broken and was also injured internally. Others injured were John Orr, leg broken; Wm. Smith, crushed; A. J. Goodwin, bruised; John Prue, injuries to shoulder; William Ryan, internal injuries; William Connolly, right arm cut; Robert Bustard, foot crushed.

## GERMANS DRIVEN BACK EAST OF AMIENS, WEST OF KEMMEL, LOSING GROUND WON FRIDAY

## THE WAR SITUATION

The loss of Mont Kemmel has evidently falled to disorganize in any way the Allied resistance in the Ypres region. The line, in fact, seems to have stiffened since this isolated height was taken by the Germans, and the enemy, after a day of desperate struggling yesterday, found himself held fast everywhere.

where.

Enemy Is Checked.

Locre, west of Mont Kemmel, and Voormezeele, two miles south of Ypres, we'e the chief points under attack by the Germans in their vain effort to develop their success of the previous day. At each, although the fighting fluctuated during the day, the enemy falled to gain his objectives, and today is no further advanced toward them than he was yesterday morning.

The French fought with great gallantry in the Locre sector, inflicting severe losses on the enemy in his four attacks, the last of which carried him into the village. Last evening the French counter-attacked vigorously and regained the place.

NEW RULINGS TO
STOP HOARDINGS
OF ALL CEREALS

Drastic Regulations to Reduce
Consumption of Wheat
Throughout Canada.

WILL HELP THE ALLIES

Limited Stocks Only Can Be

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Haig Holds Voormezeele. At which point they were obliged to hold fast if the British were no less stubborn in their defence of Voormezeele, at which point they were obliged to hold fast if the line curving to the east and north around ypres was not to be abandoned. Today found them still in possession of the village and holding fast in the wood on the ridge southwest of the town. Several hundred prisoners were taken by the British in this fighting.

There seems a quite general disposition on the part of the military observers to forecast the eventual abandonment of the Ypres salient as the result of the fall of Mont Kemmel. It has been pointed out by the British war office that this result will not necessarily follow. It is likewise observed, however, that, should an evacuation of Ypres become necessary, the taking of Mont Kemmel has not destroyed the defensive value of the range of hills to the west, from which it stood out, and which have been referred to as the backbone of the Flanders position.

Cost to Foe Enormous.

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On the Somme battlefront the situation has worked still more in favor of the Allies. The recapture of Villers-

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Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 58 46 Clear Calgary 66 38 Fair Winnipeg. 40 24 Cloudy Port Arthur. 48 38 Cloudy Parry Sound. 60 34 Clear Port Stamley. 54 42 Cloudy Buffalo 64 46 Cloudy Buffalo 64 46 Cloudy Toronto 52 42 Cloudy Toronto 52 42 Cloudy Kingston 62 36 Fair Ottawa 60 32 Clear Montreal 58 42 Clear

Development of Operations By Enemy Following Capture of Key Position In Flanders Blocked By French and British-Enemy Thrown Out of Locre and Voormezeele -British Line Advances In Somme Sector, Where Haig Takes 900 Prisoners.

### GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

Paris April 27 .- A German attack near Thennes, on the front southeast of Amiens, was broken up last night, the war office announces. Artillery fighting continues on the front between Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard.

The statement follows: "During the night the artillery battle was continued along the front between Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard. There was no change in the situation.

'The Germans attacked our defences on the line of railroad west of Thennes, but were not able to approach our positions. "We carried out successful raids in the region of the Oise Canal near the Loivre and northeast of Carnillet, and took a number of prisoners.

"The artillery fighting was rather severe on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front)."

## ALLIES GAIN ON SOMME SECTOR.

London, April 27 .- Continuing their counter-attacks on the front east of Amiens, the Allies have gained further advantages in the Hangard-Villers-Bretonneux sector, it is announced offi-

The French have recaptured positions from Locre to La Clytte in Flanders, west of Mont Kemmel.

The fighting on the Flanders front north of the Lys severe. The enemy advance was held at all points. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The Germans have made a heavy attack on the south of Ypres.

the Allies. The recapture of Villers-Bretonneux and its dominating higher ground by the British has made the German tenure of Hangard to the south extremely precarious, and they have already lost part of the village.

London reports a further advancement of the Allied line last night in this sector. An attack by German tanks food red of the process After many hours of fluctuating battle the enemy's advance was held at al points. Heavy casualties were suffered by his troops in the course of his many insuccessful attacks.

FRENCH RECAPTURE LOCRE.

No Definite Break Between

The enemy's assaults on the French positions from Locre to La Clytte were pressed with extreme violence, and after three attacks had been beaten off with great loss to him, his troops succeeded at the fourth attempt in carrying the village of Locre. In the evening our Alles counter-attacked and drove the enemy out, regaining possession of the village. At other points all of the enemy's attacks were repulsed..
BRITISH HOLD VOORMEZEELE.

Fierce fighting took place north of Kemmel Village and in the neighborhood of Voormezeele which, after a prolonged struggle, remains in the hands of our Washington, April 27.—The German minister to the Netherlands is still at The Hague, and did not leave for Germany as reported, the Netherlands legation announced today. The Dutch minister to Berlin returned to The Hague, it was said, to discuss with his Government the progress of negotiations with Germany.

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hood of Arleux (northeast of Arras), and in the Vieux-Berquin sector (southeast of Hazebrouck), we captured 20 prisoners.
"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."
FRENCH ATTACK KEMMEL HILL. British Headquarters in France, April 26.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.— Evening.—The French have attacked Kemmel Hill and a furious battle is

The Germans have attacked from LaClytte to the Ypres-Comines Canal. The Franco-British armies, attacking from Villers-Bretonneux to opposite Hangard, have made progress.

London, April 26 .- Kemmel Hill, a height which has been looked upon as the key to the southern side of the Ypres sallent, and one of the most important strategic positions on the northern front in France, has been taken by the Germans. After a defence which will become one of the heroic chapters of the war, the hill was surrounded and the French forces entrenched on its

The loss of the hill, which is admitted in an official statement by General

Following were the highest and lowest Radcliffe, chief of military operations at the British war office, brings to the temperatures recorded in London during Allies a realization that the whole Ypres position is in peril from the German the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last drive northward from the lowlands lying to the west of Armentieres.

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Clear Cloudy Clo Position Outflanks Ypres.

This German success cuts a deep notch in the Allied line to the southwest of Ypres and completely outflanked the British on the northern slopes of Messines Ridge, to which they were forced by the German assaults of two forced by the German ass