### ENEMY CASUALTIES IN YPRES SECTION ENORMOUS

### BY SIVING UP GROUND THE BRITISH WEAR OUT ENEMY

Withdrawal from Passchendaele Salient and Giving Up of Ground Won Last Autumn has Not Been in Vain, Since by Doing So Tremendous Losses were Inflicted on the Germans-Famous Statue of the VVrgin in Albert Church Tower Shot Down.

British Headquarters in France, the British troops held their own and april 17, 'Via Reuter's Ottawa agenthrew the onrushing Germans back with the back with the order of t )—The past 24 hours have been any-ing but a good time for the enemy. with huge losses.

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Struggle Centinues.

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yeing but a good time for the enemy, yen Ludepstorff is doubtless talling the Germans to look at them any Our answer is: "Tell them to look at their casualty list."

Our shortening of the Passchendaeles salient and the giving up of the ground won last Autumn has not been in vain, since it played a large part in wearing out the enemy, the last phase of which we are now entering on.

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Numerous Prisoners.

We have taken numerous prisoners in the last two days.

There are indications that an attack is coming between Baileul and Wytschaete. At Boyelles south of Arras there was a sharp conflict yesterday afternoon and might, but quiet sems to be restored there, our postions remaining the same. An expected infantry attack following fiere shelling of Villers-Bretonneux did not materialize and the enemy did not attempt an advance.

Desperate Efforts of Huns.

With the British Army in France, April 17, (The A. P.)—The desperate efforts by great forces of the enemy resterday afternoon and last night to exploit his successes about Bailleul and Wytschaete met with a costly fallure.

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The battle west of Bailleul has been continuous and sanguinary. Time after time the enemy forces fining them selves against the defenders in intellers against the defenders in intellers assaults, but on each occasion

## OF N. B. ORANGEMEN

Grand Lodge Sits all Ngiht to Finish Up Large Amount of business on hand Officers

Special to The Standard.

Frederichm, April 17.—The Orange Grand Lodge was officially welcomed to the city this morning by Mayor Hanson, and his remarks were greeted with cheers by the assembled members of the order.

Reports from the committees on petitions and appeals and suspensions and a number of county reports were received and adopted. The report of the Grand Secretary was dealt with by a special committee, and they expressed the appreciation of the Grand Lodge for the very efficient way in which that official had discharged his duties during the year.

The usual salaries and appropriations were passed.

Votes of thanks were extended to Grand Treasurer Robert Wills for the way he fulfilled the duties of his office and who had served without remuneration; and to Past Grand Master David Hipwell, for services rendered during the year.

The election of officers conducted by Dr. W. B. Wallace, P. G. M., resulted as follows:

H. G. Wadman, grand master.

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L. A. Palmer, senior deputy.

J. L. Gray, junior deputy.

Rev. Alexander Grant, grand chap ain.

Robert Wills, grand treasurer.

N. J. Morrison, grand secretary.
F. W. McNally, grand lecturer.

O. C. Smallwood, grand director of

S. W. Smith, deputy grand secre J. H. Cochrane, J. W. McFarlane

The following brethren were appointed deputy chaplains:—Rev. B. H. Penwarden, Rev. F. A. Whightman, A. W. Currie, J. A. Flewelling, D. Paterson, James Semple and Messrs. Rethe, Hatfield, McLeod and Ready. At midnight adjournment was made for supper after which the session was resumed and the lodge sat all hight in order to finish up the busi-

# PERSONS PERISH

An officer of the O. B. Jennings, who

old the story of the disaster, support-

### H. G. WADMAN AGAIN NO BEASON TO BE IN STATE INCENDIARISM OF DESPAIR SAYS MAURICE

Chief Director of Military Operations in British War Office Returns from Front-British Gained Ground Early Wednesday, but Lost Some Later in Day-Withdrawal to New Line on Ypres Salient-Situation Very Anxious one on Tuesday

London, April 17—The greater part of Wytschaete and probably all of it was in the hands of the British for a time, Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war

office announced today.

Counter-attacking successfully at Meteren and south of that place, the British have driven back the Germans half way to Bailleul. They have advanced and improved their line in the direction of Neuve Eglise.

The news last night and today is better," says General Maurwhile I am not able to say definitely that Wytschaete is entirely in our hands, we hold the greater part and probably the whole of it. As mentioned in Field Marshal Haig's communique, we made a withdrawal to a new line on the Ypres salient. withdrawal was decided upon on Sunday. It was carried out partly on Sunday night and completed on Monday. It is a regrettable military necessity which forces us to give up ground which we won at such heavy cost. On Tuesday the Germans were still shelling trenches which we had left the day before." Returns From Front.

said General Maurice at the outset of his talk with The Associated Press.

anxious. The Germans had taken Bailleul, Meteren and Kytschaete and had brought four fresh divisions into action against us. If the enemy could have maintained that pressure there looked to be vital danger to the ridge of heights which includes Mount Kemmel, and which is the backbone of our defence on the northern portion of the battlefront. But the news last night and today is batter."

General Maurice then referred to the successful British withdrawal in the Ypres satilent and continued "Preparations for shortening our line Preparations for shortening our line in the Ypres salient were made some time ago and the decision to carry it out was reached before the fall of Bailleul owing to the danger offered to our positions in the salient from a flanking movement. The withdrawal was not dictated or governed by the adverse coding of events around Bailleul but by racre general considerations.

what of the whole battle situation? clusion had been reached that if the Canadian army corps was to be maintained as an effective fighting force, additional measures must be taken. The Canadian army corps must be maintained; no one could question that. There was therefore no other alternative before the government but to propose further measures for recruiting the needs reinforcements. These measures had been formulated and announced.

ed in his statements by members of the crew, said the collision occurred shortly after 2 a.m., when they when the year their destination. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without light measures from the submarine danger. "We had an exceptionally rough trip," the officer said. "As a result the churning of the bulk oil we carried at the collision occurred within fifteen miles of their destination. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without light mental ton has had its critical moments and still is decidedly anxious. But trip," the officer said. "As a result the churning of the bulk oil we carried at the collision occurred within fifteen miles of their destination. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without light mental ton has had its critical moments and still is decidedly anxious. But the churning of the bulk oil we carried at the collision occurred within fifteen miles of their destination. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without light mental ton. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without light mental ton. What of the whole between strain and that strain as been reflected at home. When they were strain and that strain as been reflected at home. The student many them they have reflected at decidely anxious. But the churning of the bulk oil we carried the churning of the bulk oil we carried at the measures at the consequences of that principle of a united front and must accept the consequences of that principle we may been through. Level and the collision occurred within fifteen miles of their destination.

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HOLDS ELECTION

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Wonderful Army.

No army in history has stood the hammering the British have undergone. Several times Haig's line has been perlicusly thin and twice or perhaps thrice it has been broken, but always the dam has been repaired and the flood stayed.

A year ago General Plummer, who is now counter-attacking viciously along the western slopes of Messines. Ridge, was directing the sweep of the same place which resulted in the capture of 14,000 prisoners and 223 guns and was the most successful single offensive undertaken by any British general. Three years ago in the Ypres region to the north the British and especially the Canadians were making their famous stand, though waves of gas swept over them, which saved the channel ports.

Ludendorff has abandoned the tactics of 1914 which called for a good deal of energy in crossing the Yser, and has adopted the plan of 1915. History is repeating itself, the blood-soaked country of Flanders is being drenched afresh and the British with the French are now making a stand along a line stronger than that which they held in 1915.

Aiscreant Fires Barn and Woolen Mills-Two dwellings Damaged-Fire Alarm

### **NEW BRUNSWICK BIBLE SOCIETY**



Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 17.—What seems to have been a deliberate attempt to burn a portion of the town look place about midnight. A few minutes before that hour a barn on Hawthorne street was found to be on three and alarms were sent in from box 12. The building was empty and being a mere shell burned rapidly.

It was soon destroyed but not before the flames had communicated to the adjoining houses occupied by Mrs. Bent and Peter Rosee. The former house was badly damaged and the latter slightly. Just as this fire was got under control the fire bells rang out an alarm, this time for a blaze in the large wooden building known as the woolen mills.

Enough firemen were ordered from Hawthorne street to look after it and twas soon extinguished. On investigation a bottle of kerosene was found that the fire alarm wires had been severed, thus preventing a quick alarm from being sont in. The police are investigating and it is said have a clue.

The property loss in both cases is small.

BRUNSWICK
O. R. Arnold of Bridgetown, N. S., spent the weekend in Sussex.
Mrs. Thomas Craig and children of Hartland, N. B., are visiting Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coggin.

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