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To Make Appeal For Peace Conference

Action is Being Taken After Meeting In Petrograd

HOLD IT IN NEUTRAL LAND

Resolution By Executive of Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates—Governor General of Finland Makes Strong Plea For Carrying On of War

Petrograd, May 12, via London.—An appeal to the people of a neutral country will be published immediately by the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the executive of the council yesterday.

First, to convolve a conference of the socialist international and to invite to it representatives of all parties agreeing with the council's appeal. The resolutions adopted by the executive committee included:

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MORE FOR ENGINEERS

JOFFRE IS IN BOSTON TODAY

A Stirring Welcome—Mr. Balfour and Party Limit Activities in New York to Rest

Boston, Mass., May 12.—Marshal Joffre and members of the French mission accompanying him, arrived here from New York shortly before 8 a.m. today. They were welcomed with every possible evidence of enthusiasm.

In the afternoon a military parade was the central feature of the day. The climax of the parade was planned to come on Boston Common.

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SPEAKER FORCED TO STEP DOWN

Sisler Takes Lead Among American League Batters THE MAGNATES IN SESSION

War Tax and Other Matters Being Discussed in New York—The Rich Kentucky Derby Run This Afternoon

Chicago, May 12.—George Sisler of St. Louis has crowded Tris Speaker of Cleveland out of the lead for hitting honors in the American League. Unofficial averages released today show Sisler driving out eight hits in his last five games, Sisler is leading with an average of .393, although Kummel, a St. Louis pinch hitter, leading seven times in ten games, has an average of .429.

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LOCAL LIST OF HEROES IS LENGTHENED TODAY

Pte. Frank L. Portmore and Pte. Phillip Welch Killed in Action—Several Among the Wounded



Mrs. Mayes S. Davis of 33 Main street, received a telegram from Ottawa this morning informing her that her husband, Pte. Frank L. Portmore, who was previously reported missing, was killed in action on April 7.

Private Portmore was a son of Mrs. Andrew Buis of 79 Market Place, West St. John. He was a native of this city, but resided in the west for some years. Prior to enlisting he was engaged in ranching on Massett Island in the Pacific.

He left Canada with a western battalion and after remaining in England for a short time proceeded to the front in last January. He is survived by his mother and sister. A host of friends both in this city and in the west will regret to hear of his death. A foreign country will be enriched by his grave and Canada honored by his memory.

Pte. Phillip Welch Mrs. T. R. Colley of East St. John has been advised that her nephew, Pte. Phillip Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch, now residing in Alberta, but formerly of this city, had been killed in action. Mr. and Mrs. Welch removed to the west some years ago. Pte. Welch was a member of an Alberta infantry battalion. He was only eighteen years old when he enlisted.

Wounded, Not Killed. Sometime ago Mrs. Catherine Joyce, of 238 Guilford street, West St. John, was advised from Ottawa that her son, Private Vincent Joyce, had been killed in action. About two weeks following the telegram, she was advised by letter from a hospital in France that he had been wounded in the fight at Vimy Ridge and that his being alive was just a miracle. It seems that a high explosive shell struck beside him and he was buried by the earth that was torn up by the shell. He was dug out. This morning Mrs. Joyce received the official announcement from Ottawa, advising her that he was wounded in the thigh and was at present in a hospital in France. Private Joyce is only nineteen years old and enlisted in Montreal, where he was working with the C. P. R. at the time of the outbreak of the war. Two brothers are now in France, Private Michael and Private

Pte. Harold J. Gaynes Mrs. Edna A. Dennis of 115 Britain street, received a telegram this morning from Ottawa informing her that her husband, Pte. Harold J. Gaynes, had been killed in action in the west. Pte. Gaynes was a member of an Alberta infantry battalion. He was only eighteen years old when he enlisted.

Pte. H. Allingham Operated Upon Word has been received by Mrs. Harry Allingham, 40 Leinster street, to the effect that her husband, Pte. Harry Allingham, who was wounded at Vimy Ridge, is in a hospital in England and is improving as well as can be expected. There was much joy when it was learned that his wound was not serious.

Gr. Albert Johnson Mrs. Blanche Johnson, of 570 Main street, received a telegram today from Ottawa telling her that her husband, Gunner Albert Johnson had been admitted to No. 1 Convalescent Hospital in Boulogne, France, suffering from a severe injury in the head. Gunner Johnson left here some two years ago with a large battery unit, but after his arrival in England was transferred to a field artillery battery.

Official List. Ottawa, May 12.—There are ninety-nine names in the noon casualty list today. Twenty-two were killed in action and eight died of wounds. The list includes:

Killed in Action. J. A. Maxwell, St. John. Wounded. R. Atkinson, Gloucester, N. S.; C. E. Warren, North River, P. E. I.; T. H. Parsons, North River, P. E. I.; P. H. Parson, Harbor Grace, Nfld.; P. E. Kaulbach, Bridgewater, N. S.

Another Air Raid On Zeebrugge; Perhaps Also a Naval Fight

Dutch Reports Indicate Activity From Above and at Sea—British Press Ahead and French Also Make Gain

London, May 13.—Flashes of light indicating another aerial attack on Zeebrugge were observed there at four o'clock this morning, reports a Reuter despatch from Flushing, Holland. Later, heavy and continuous gunfire was heard from the west. It is believed a naval engagement was in progress.

BRITISH SUCCESS. London, May 12.—The official statement given out here today says that British troops attacking the Hindenburg line have gained their objective and taken some hundreds of prisoners.

The British attacked near Bullecourt, on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road, and north of the Scarpe River last night and early this morning. The text of the statement reads: "Very successful operations were undertaken by our troops last night and early this morning. Attacks were delivered on the Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of Bullecourt also astride the Arras-Cambrai road, and north of the Scarpe. We gained our objectives at all points and have taken some hundreds of prisoners."

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES. Paris, May 12 (noon).—Unusually heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front in the region of Avocourt, says today's official statement. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and in the region of Bezouans.

Paris, May 12.—The French statement follows: "The enemy's artillery fire along the Chemin des Dames was less active last night. Our batteries kept up a destructive bombardment of the German organizations and caused the explosion of a munitions depot northwest of Juvincourt. Fierce engagements occurred in the region of Pantheon, south of Pargny, and in the Champagne in the wood west of Mount Carmillet. Adhem and Dials Rivers have pressed the enemy back into the Jebel-Hamir court wood, with no infantry actions. Our detachments penetrated the German

lines north of Bezouans and at several points in Alsace, in the sector of Amstutz-Walser, we took prisoners. On the remainder of the front the night passed in quiet."

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