

## Canadians Transferred to the Battle Line; No Important Fighting in France or Italy

### BOYS FROM DOMINION SENT INTO ACTION ON GREAT BATTLE FRONT

Canadians Appear in the Arras Sector, Further South than they Have been Since the Battles in this Region Began at Opening of Spring, Mar. 21—This Part of Line Most Important as it Defends Arras to Southwest and Includes Scenes of Bitter Fighting.

The Canadian Troops Take Over Trenches in Vicinity of Neuville, Vitasse, Mercatel, Boisieux and St. Marc in Addition to its Front from Hill 70 to Gavrelle—Enemy Kept Constantly on the Alert and Occasionally Raided Successfully—No Heavy Fighting this Week in France, Flanders or Italy.

Australian and Canadian troops are in action along the British lines along the vital sectors of the battlefield in France.

The Australians have struck the Germans near Morlancourt, between the Ancre and Somme rivers, east of Amiens, and have advanced their lines upwards of three-quarters of a mile, as a result of two assaults on the German positions.

The Canadians have appeared in the Arras sector, further south than they have been since the battles in this region began on March 21. This part of the line is most important as it defends Arras to the southwest, and includes localities such as Neuville-Vitasse, Mercatel and Boisieux-St. Marc, where there have been bitter struggles since the Germans launched their great offensive.

American troops, on the French front, not far from Montdidier, have been under a storm of shells for the past couple of days, projectiles containing high explosives being mingled with those charged with poisonous gas being fired into the lines held by General Pershing's men.

Along the rest of the front in France there have been no engagements of an unusual character, nor has the Italian front been attacked as yet by the Austrians.

Canadians Successful.

Canadian Army Headquarters in the field, via London, May 6.—(By W. A. Willson, Canadian Press correspondent)—The Canadian army has taken over trenches in the vicinity of Neuville, Vitasse, Mercatel, Boisieux and St. Marc, in addition to its front Hill 70 to Gavrelle. In their new quarters, as well as north of the Scarpe, they have been keeping the enemy constantly on the alert. Outstanding amongst the operations in this area was the raid last Friday morning when Saskatchewan troops penetrated the enemy outpost line on a six hundred yard front to a depth of four hundred yards. The raid was conducted at only light cost to ourselves, but both sides of the road were marked with enemy dead.

We captured seven prisoners, four machine guns. In this fighting our superiority was so marked that the enemy broke and ran, only to be caught by our snipers and artillery barrage.

Another Good Raid.

Again on the morning of the 29th a very successful raid was carried out by Ontario troops against enemy positions in the vicinity of Neuville, Vitasse. Here we captured ten prisoners and four machine guns.

Another feature of the minor activity of our forces in this sector was the assistance rendered English troops whose line had been attacked by hostile raiders. An Ontario company officer, acting on his own initiative, organized a counter-attack and cleared half the trench, while English forces later attempted an attack in some force. It failed completely, being broken up by gunfire before it reached our wire. With such superiority over the enemy and such a spirit in all ranks it is no wonder that our men look to the future with confidence.

BABY BORN ON C.G.R. TRAIN NEAR LEVIS

Mother and Child Doing Well at Hospital.

Quebec, May 6.—A child was born to a Montreal English-speaking woman yesterday on a C. G. R. train between Montreal and Levis. Both mother and child were taken off at Levis and are doing well at the Hotel Dieu Hospital there.

### BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM ES SALT VILLAGE

Nearly One Thousand Germans and Turks Captured in Palestine in Past Few Days.

London, May 6.—The British have withdrawn their troops from Es-Salt, east of the Jordan, in Palestine, the war office announces. Nearly 1,000 Germans and Turks and 29 machine guns have been captured in the last few days.

The statement follows: "During the night of May 3, the British advanced troops holding Es-Salt were withdrawn and the force east of the Jordan was established on a line covering the principal passages of the river. The bulk of the troops subsequently was withdrawn over the river, leaving strong detachments on the east bank to secure the crossing.

"In the course of the operations east of the Jordan between April 30, and May 4 we captured one German and 49 Turkish officers, 42 Germans, 843 Turks, 29 machine guns and six motor lorries, besides inflicting substantial casualties on the enemy in excess of our own losses."

"On May 3 the Arabs of the King of the Hedjaz attacked Turkish parties working on the Hedjaz Railway at Wadi Jerdan station, north of Maan and captured 25 prisoners and seriously damaged the line."

### A CHATHAM ROSSING MILL IN OPERATION

Chatham, May 6.—The Chatham Rossing Mill of the Miramichi Lumber Company, started today, six days later than last spring, there were sufficient men on hand for all purposes. The Snowball mill will not start for two weeks for lack of logs.

### HOTTEST DAY OF PRESENT SEASON WAS YESTERDAY

Yesterday was the hottest day of the present year in Canada and the United States. In New York it was almost a real old summer sizzler, the mercury meandering up to 86 and breaking a record. London, Ont., was not so far in the rear of old Gotham, for on the Thames the thermometer made a score of 82. Toronto boasted of 80 degrees, Montreal 76 and Ottawa 74.

The coldest place on the bloom-in' map was Halifax. Only for that far eastern burg, St. John would have held the cool record. Halifax temperatures got as low as 34 and in St. John it was 38. The highest here was 48. In the cold and snowy region of the Yukon they had us by the nape of the neck. Dawson had a temperature of 59 at one time yesterday.

### AN EXPLOSION KILLS TWO AT CARIBOU HOME

Lumber Manufacturer and His Wife Dead and Children Burned.

### NEW BUILDING IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Accident Caused by Kerosene Oil Gas in New Style of Cooking Range.

Aroostook Junction, N. B., May 6.—C. P. R. passengers from Caribou, nineteen miles west of here brought news today of a terrible burning accident at that place. Michael O'Regan and his wife are dead, one of their children severely injured and another slightly, as the result of a gas explosion in a cooking range in their apartments in the new O'Regan building. The O'Regans occupied the middle floor of the building and used a vapor-kerosene range attachment for cooking purposes. The attachment is designed to convert kerosene oil into gas and burns the gas as fuel.

After a meal, Mr. O'Regan attempted to relight the fire and turned the oil on before the iron pipe had cooled. The result was the accumulation of gas in the range which when ignited exploded, filling the room with flames. Mr. O'Regan's clothes caught fire and he ran down the stairs to the street enveloped in flames. He was immediately surrounded by friends and the flames were extinguished.

Others Burned.

Mrs. O'Regan had followed her husband down stairs, but immediately returned to look after her children, the youngest of which she believed to be in danger. Upon re-entering the apartment her clothing caught fire and she ran to the piazza where friends soon reached her and extinguished the flames.

Hope, her fourteen year old daughter, was severely burned about the arms, but she is in no danger. The youngest child, however, was quite badly burned before it was rescued. Automobiles were called and the four burned persons were taken to the Caribou hospital. Mrs. O'Regan died seven hours later and her husband twelve hours after the accident. The building caught fire from the explosion and was slightly damaged. Mr. O'Regan was for some time a lumber manufacturer. He was burned out three times and the fatal fire was the fourth. A niece died a few days before.

### Germans Are Likely To Attack in Three Places at One Time

From the official reports and special despatches filed by correspondents at the western front, there come intimations that heavy fighting may be resumed at any time. The fact that heavy rains are falling may have a great deal to do with the delay in the German drive, but the Allies hold high ground on which they can observe the German positions which are generally in the low lands and have kept up a heavy artillery fire in sectors where the Germans have been gathering or have been at work in bringing up guns for the battle which is virtually certain to come.

There is a feeling along the French front that the Germans will attack in the Ypres, Arras and Amiens sectors at the same time. These blows, while carried on independently, would really be phases of a new attempt to cut through the lines in the Somme sector, eliminate the Arras sector and carry the high ground to the southwest of Ypres.

It has been pointed out by observers that an attack on the Arras sector either on the apex between Arras and Lens, or on the sides of the allied lines as they stretch back from those cities, must come before the Germans can hope to carry their advance in either Flanders or Picardy much further. It is reported that heavy forces are being gathered before Arras for the expected attack.

Little relative to the internal situation in Austria has come over the cables, but from Serbian sources it is learned that on at least two occasions there have been clashes between the Slovenian population of that country and the Germans.

The methods by which the German military authorities have dealt with the Ukrainians have been denounced in both Berlin and Vienna by Socialist leaders.

### Austrian Parliament Has Been Dismissed

Unrest in Slovenian Districts of Austria Grows Daily and Spreading with Great Rapidity—Conflict Results in Bloodshed—Situation is Serious.

Bulletin—London, May 6.—Unrest in the Slovenian districts of Austria is growing daily and mutiny is spreading with great rapidity. Reuters Limited announced today, it had learned from a Serbian source, a recent conflict between Germans and Slovenians ended in bloodshed.

Parliament Dismissed.

Vienna, May 6.—The Austrian parliament has been dismissed by the emperor's order and it is declared that forcible measures will be taken to make a resumption impossible. The government was embarrassed by the divisions over the grave food situation and the various racial grievances.

Austrians Staggered.

(By M. Fournol, Critic Pettit Journal) Paris, May 6.—Let us be wary and exact. If there is a friend of Kuchelmann in London who tries to hold such conversations as the preceding one it is no way a sign that the Germans

admit that they have lost the offensive, but it is, perhaps, the testimony that some friends of Germany are uneasy and doubt that Germany can win in her attack. Also the friends of Austria are not only uneasy, they are in consternation. A pacifist offensive from Germany does not necessarily mean that she has intentions towards peace. It means that Germany is in serious difficulty.

The ram-stroke of Ludendorff's armies having failed, time was necessary to put in order a new attack. Time had to be gained, time to lay hands upon Russia, time to wait for the next harvest, time to tear from Ukraine and Roumania all which up to the present it had been impossible to take, also to reform severely the depleted divisions, to remake careful preparation for a decisive assault. To gain time, that is the business of Kuchelmann and Ballin. We see very clearly what Germany fears—The economic understanding between the Allies and the sure eviction of Germans from the world's markets.

### HEN-SETTING DEPARTMENT AT FREDERICTON SETS TOO FAST A PACE FOR THE CLUCKERS

Not Being Able to Requisition the Roosters, Young Folks of Chatham and Vicinity have Surplus of Setting Eggs—Hens Not Willing to Set as Rapidly as Hon. Mr. Tweeddale's Department Anticipated, and he Neglected to Ship Incubators—The Call to Arms.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, May 6.—A large number of school children have received eggs from the government for hatching purposes and many hens have been set with them. The children are greatly taken up with the novelty of the thing and are talking about it nearly as much as the call for men for overseas. But the supply of eggs is greater than the number of hens available for hatching purposes and the youngsters are up against their first unfortunate setback in their attempt at greater production.

This is a contingency that Mr. Tweeddale has overlooked. Biddy has probably got her back up and will not be governed by laws made at Fredericton and will brood in her own good time regardless of laws emanating from that source.

In the meantime the children are running about in search of "cluckers." A better idea would be to issue eggs only to those who had first secured brooders. This could be done by notifying the children a week or so in advance of the time the eggs are to arrive.

Soldiers Leaving.

A Chatham soldier recently returned from St. John says that city is full of soldier boys from here. This may be a little wide of the mark, but will serve as an illustration. Every day sees a number of young men leave for St. John to get into uniform. Chatham has done well under the voluntary system. Perhaps no other section of the province has supplied more men pro rata than this good old North Shore town to the cause of the Empire. Many of our young men have made the

### TEUTONS OFFER PEACE TERMS

Germany Willing to Give up Most Everything in West if She is Left Undisturbed in Russia—Wants the Colonial Question Left to a Conference—Austria Willing to Give Part of Trentino to Italy—Canadians Stand Before Arras—Enemy in Unfavorable Position in France and Flanders for Defensive Tactics.

Special to New York Tribune and The St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, May 6.—Germany's prospects of forcing a decision on the battle field grow dimmer and her agents are pursuing the "peace offensive" more strongly.

Her chief peace agent in Great Britain is the former Dutch minister of war. A despatch from The Hague outlines what terms Germany offers. Although Foreign Minister Balfour denied in parliament yesterday that a peace offer had been made, American government officials at Washington admitted the enemy statement of terms cabled by Ambassador Page "as a matter of news."

Germany is willing to give up almost everything in the west if allowed a free hand in the east. This is as predicted. The military will consent to renounce all western claims, restore Belgium, give Italy part of the Trentino and leave the colonial question to a conference if only her work in Russia is left untouched.

Unfavorable Positions.

Events on the western front seem to emphasize Germany's need of peace. What gains have been made are on the Allied side. The Germans are now in an unfavorable position for defensive tactics and they must either retreat to a better line or plunge ahead again.

The most striking feature of the news from the front was two advances by Australian troops west and southwest of Morlancourt, between the Somme and the Ancre rivers, Saturday night and Sunday. In the first operation they gained 700 yards on a 1,500 yard front and in the second 500 yards on a 2,000 yard front. The total forward movement being more than three quarters of a mile. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans and 150 prisoners were taken. The British also improved their position on the south of the Lys salient, near Locun.

After Mount Kemmel.

On the north side of the salient, the French and British have been creeping forward by a succession of small gains until they are now in a good position for an assault to regain Mount Kemmel. Yesterday's dispatches made it clear that the Germans fully intended to strike a blow in Flanders Saturday morning, but were so badly cut up by the Allied concentration of fire on Friday night that they gave up their plan.

Canadians Move.

The Canadians, who stand before Arras and therefore hold one of the most important sectors of the whole front, have just taken over three more miles of front to the southwest and have made a score of brilliant raids.

For two days the American troops on the Montdidier front, southeast of Amiens, have been subjected to a tremendous bombardment from the German guns, both gas and explosive projectiles coming over in a steady stream.

Quebec, May 6.—Jean Coulombe, aged ten, was drowned at Cape St. Ignace, county of L'Islet, while looking for gum on floating logs in the river. Two little chums came near their end also, attempting to rescue him.

Quebec, May 6.—The local recruiting committee for the Canadian Flying Corps today passed for admittance fifty-six of the six score candidates applying for admission in the corps. Another batch of thirty-six applications were received today.

supreme sacrifices and several have been decorated for bravery on the field of battle.

The whole subject of discussion now among the young fellows is the call to the colors. With them the recent order for service is looked upon more in the light of a pleasurable event than a serious life and death affair. They may not like the prospect of war but will be ready and willing when the time comes to do their duty by the state and uphold the honor of the brave ones who have gone before them. There will be no slackers when it is fully understood that their services are really required at the front.

In All 120 Candidates Have Applied, 36 in One Day.

Quebec, May 6.—Of the 435 Anzacs now in New York, 150 were today turned over to the British and Canadian authorities and will abandon Liberty Loan campaigning for recruiting.

The others probably will join in this work later.

LUSITANIA DAY TODAY

London, May 6.—Tuesday, the third anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania, will be observed by special prayers in many English churches and by service at the Lusitania cemetery in Queenstown. An American naval detachment will take part in the observance at Queenstown.

TWO WOMEN EXECUTED.

Nantes, France, May 6.—Two women spies, Josephine Alvarez and Victorine Faucher, condemned to death by court martial on January 25, were executed this morning.

ANZACS RECRUITING FOR CANADIANS