

No Fighting on West Front Yesterday; Crimean Fortress of Sebastopol Falls

NO MORE DOING IN THE WEST THAN ON A MID-WINTER DAY

Length of Present Pause in Hostilities in France and Flanders Good Indication of Extent of German Defeat on Monday—For 48 Hours Fritz Has Made No Effort to Resume his Operations Against Scherpenberg, Mont Rogue or in Area South of Ypres—Central Allies Still Preparing for Peace Campaign—Developments of Great Importance Imminent.

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper.)

London, May 2.—The length of the present pause is a good guide to the extent of the German defeat on Monday. For forty-eight hours the enemy has made no effort to resume his operations against Scherpenberg, Mont Rogue or in the area south of Ypres.

Field Marshal Haig's communique today reads like the report of a dull winter day. Apparently both sides were glad for a respite after the fierce fighting of the last few weeks. There is a tendency to interpret the lull as an indication that the enemy is completely exhausted and that his campaign has collapsed. But this conclusion is hardly justified in view of the power which Ludendorff obviously commanded both in his first onslaught at Arronieres and in his second drive at Ypres. It is the general belief here that the German military command has not yet given up all hope of a success in the west.

Another Day of Rest.
The German infantry has had another day of rest, but the hard-worked artillery men keep their guns hot. In front of Amiens also in the neighborhood of Hazebrouck, the bombardment is again violent, but after the furious pace of the last week the fighting seems rather desultory.

Military and political developments of great importance seem imminent. The question is whether the peace drive will be based on territorial changes, a method which is likely to satisfy many who look on the war in a narrow way. Emperor Charles will play a leading part. He is being coached now by the rulers of Germany the militarists.

To Placate Italy.
He will try to placate Italy, and pose as the friend of France, and the well-wisher of England and Belgium. He is undoubtedly sincerely anxious for peace, but he is powerless to act without the sanction of the German militarists. They intend to plead they have no desire for conquest, but only a desirous of peace.

Another View.
Here is the other view. Every European belligerent is decidedly war-weary, France, Italy and England are tired of fighting, but so is the crew of an eight-car shell at the end of the third mile of a race. They eventually win in the fourth.

The German militarists, Ludendorff and his band of skillful assistants, are professional soldiers. They didn't plan a six weeks' campaign which would end in surrender. They have a supply of men which is not nearly exhausted. If proof of this is needed it is only necessary to refer to Haig's campaign at Ypres last year. At no time in that long battle did he have an army comparable numerically with that now under Ludendorff's command. In fact, Haig probably employed fewer divisions between July and Nov. than Germany has used in the last four weeks.

Allies off their balance, it was intended to distract their attention from the military front. Evergreen can measure the success it attained.

That is the German policy today. The German militarists are playing possum, they are creating a peace atmosphere because it will make their task less difficult, and the task of Ludendorff and company is to vindicate German militarism. The Allies' present war aim is to discredit Ludendorff.

Anyone who considers the events since March 21 discredit Ludendorff can make peace very soon without much difficulty. But fortunately there are few men who see the battle of 1918 in that light.

THIRSTY THIEVES IN CHATHAM FIRED ON
Five Persons Attempt to Raid Inspector Dickson's Premises for Seized Liquor.

Special to The Standard.
Chatham, May 3.—Five persons, four of whom were soldiers, attempted to break into the residence of Inspector Dickson at an early hour this morning. It is believed the inspector has a large quantity of liquor, the result of several seizures, stored in his cellar and the thirty thieves evidently hoped to secure some of it.

A GERMAN RAID AT HEBUTERNE IS REPULSED

Lull Which Has Broadened Over Front in France and Flanders, Continues.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS STILL IN PROGRESS

The Germans Must Attack Soon or Acknowledge Their Defeat.

London, May 2.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters tonight says: "A raid which the enemy attempted this morning in the neighborhood of Hebuterne was repulsed. For the usual artillery activity on both sides there is nothing to report."

The lull which has broadened over the western battle lines continues. The expected German attacks on the Ypres and Amiens front have not been launched. Here and there the opposing artillery have broken forth into wild bombardments such as usually are preludes to massed attacks on the allied lines, but they have died out after a few hours. Here and there local operations have been carried out for the purpose of straightening lines and raiding the enemy's positions, but they have not developed into anything unusual.

Must Attack Soon.
The Germans must attack soon or acknowledge their defeat in their ambitious attempt utterly to crush the allied armies. The present phase of the battle is not unlike that before Verdun, two years ago after the first German rush had been stopped and even attempts to carry local objectives had met with defeat.

Germany has lost heavily, but the emperor still has reserves to throw into the fight. The defeat on Monday on the Metzer-Voormesele front has taught the Germans that the allies are prepared to stand their ground, and there seems little inclination at the present moment to renew a conflict which threatens to be disastrous.

French Statement.
Paris, May 2.—The war office announcement tonight says: "Both at Hebuterne and at the Avre. Last night our troops made an appreciable advance in Hangard Wood."

Italian Statement.
Rome, May 2.—Briak patrol encounters took place yesterday in the village of Stoccareddo and on the slopes of Montefena, says an official statement given here today. "An enemy party was dispersed on Sasso-roso."

Millions More Men For American Army Is Plan Arranged at Washington

Washington, May 2.—The United States is stripping for the decisive battle on the battlefield of Europe. In an executive session of the military affairs committee of the lower House of Congress, Secretary of War Baker, Major-General March, chief of staff, and Provost Marshal General Crowder have asked Congress to give the president blanket authority to increase the United States army to whatever size may be necessary to win the war. This country now has nearly 2,000,000 men under arms and the army appropriation bill to this year would provide for an increase of this number to 3,000,000.

Secretary of War Baker told the committee that it would be ill-advised to restrict the number of men to be utilized and that the size of the army should be increased in the discretion of the government, as transportation and equipment facilities warrant.

Secretary Baker indicated he would submit a proposed measure, probably as an amendment to the draft law, to grant the unlimited authority asked. Under the existing draft law, as construed by Chairman Dent, of the military committee and others, there is authority for use of only 1,000,000 men under draft. Mr. Dent yesterday introduced a bill to authorize a draft total of 4,000,000, which with volunteers already in the service would make an ultimate possible maximum strength of 5,000,000 men.

PREMIER DESERTED BY FAMOUS PAPER

Horatio Bottomley's "John Bull" with Two Million Circulation Has No Further Use for Lloyd George and Says He Must Go—Critical Political Situation Continues.

By Arthur S. Draper. (Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.)
London, May 2.—A significant feature of the political situation is the desertion of "John Bull" with its two million circulation from the Lloyd George ranks. Under the heading "Why Lloyd George will go," Horatio Bottomley, the editor, predicts in this week's issue the downfall of the present government when the Home Rule bill reaches the House of Lords.

ICELAND LIKELY TO QUIT DANES
Denmark Fears Island will be Republic—Great Britain Not Interested as Copenhagen States.

London, May 2.—According to a Copenhagen despatch the Vossische Zeitung, Berlin, publishes the following statement: "Denmark fears that Iceland may secede and declare itself a republic. British influence in Iceland is extraordinarily strong and it is believed that the new republic will later attach itself to Great Britain. Everything Danish in Iceland is systematically suppressed by the English, who by the expenditure of great sums of money have created a feeling in favor of England."

CONTRACTOR O'BRIEN OF MONCTON DEAD
Special to The Standard.
Moncton, May 2.—The death of E. J. O'Brien, a well known local building contractor, occurred last night in the city hospital after some weeks illness. The deceased who was 67 years old, was a native of Quebec county, but had resided in Moncton more than forty years. He is survived by a wife, who was formerly Miss Keth, daughter of the late Noah Keth of Havellock, six sons, Walter, Sumner and Pie, Fred, of Vancouver; Roy and Frank, of Raymond, Washington; and Lieut. Harold Timothy O'Brien, M. C., in France; two daughters, Mrs. T. H. Walsh and Miss Williams at home.

SEBASTOPOL IN GERMAN HANDS

Historic City and Fortress of the Crimea Taken by the Germans Without Fighting—Occasion the First Time Foreigners Have Been in Possession Since British, French and Turks Occupied it During the Crimean War More Than 60 Years Ago—Population is About 70,000.

Berlin via London, May 2.—German forces have occupied Sebastopol the great Russian fortress in the Crimea. According to the official communication from headquarters, the town was taken without fighting.

The text of the statement reads: "On the battlefronts the situation is unchanged. The artillery duel increased in the Mont Kemmel sector and it repeatedly revived between the Somme and the Luce Brook, near Montdidier, Lassigny and Neyon."

"The French artillery was lively during the afternoon hours on the Lorraine front; minor enemy thrusts were repulsed."

"In Ukraine we have broken the enemy's resistance before Sebastopol and occupied the town Wednesday without fighting." (Continued on page 2)

A WOMAN'S BODY IN BLUEBEARD MURDER CASES

Remains of Irma Pallatinus Discovered Beneath Cement Floor of Home.

FATE OF THREE MORE STILL IN DOUBT

Helmut Schmidt's Wife Collapses when Informed of the Find.

Detroit, Mich., May 2.—Wrapped in canvas, the body of Irma Pallatinus was found today under the cement floor in the basement of the home here formerly occupied by Helmut Schmidt, whose suicide in the Highland Park jail ten days ago has resulted in an investigation to determine the fate of at least three women who lived with Schmidt as his wife. Mrs. Edward Redere, a sister of Irma Pallatinus, identified a strand of hair, as that of her sister's and examination revealed the fact that the woman had been strangled to death with a clothes line. Miss Pallatinus accompanied Schmidt, here from Lakewood, N. J., and relatives state that the couple were married in New York, this being disputed, however, by Schmidt's daughter and widow, Mrs. Thets-Schmidt. The woman disappeared suddenly two years ago.

HAMPTON MAN TAKES BRIDE IN MONCTON

Albert C. Clark and Miss Grace Ellen Steeves Wed—Triangle Boost.

Moncton, May 3.—The marriage of Miss Grace Ellen, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jobb Steeves of Moncton, to Albert C. Clark of Hampton took place this afternoon at the bride's home on Cornhill street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Cochrane, pastor of the Highfield Baptist church. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Clark will reside in Moncton.

Rev. D. Adam, who addressed a large meeting here tonight in the interest of the Red Triangle Fund, at the close of the meeting auctioned off a souvenir of the trenches in the shape of a two Franc note which was bid in by Ald. M. McLeod for \$100.

CANADIANS HOLD MOST IMPORTANT PART OF FRONT

Germans are Afraid to Attack Scruppy Boys from the Dominion.

NOVA SCOTIA OFFICER RELATES GRAND TALE

How Two Canadians Unarmed Captured Five Germans Near Lens.

Halifax, May 2.—At the commercial club weekly luncheon today an address was given by Lieut.-Col. A. O. Blois, officer commanding a Nova Scotia battalion at the front, who is home on furlough. He said the Canadians are holding the most important part of the front. The coal fields of France were being protected by them and those coal fields had not yet been under shell fire. All that prevented this was Hill 70 and Vimy ridge held by Canadians.

Brave Canadians.
Colonel Blois told the story of Corporal Patriquin, of Nova Scotia, and of Private Gardner. A German gun was bothering one of the Canadian communication trenches, which it was thought was manned only at certain times of the day. Patriquin and Gardner determined to try and silence the gun. They stole out at daybreak, crept on the position, but were surprised to find five Boches there. The Canadians were unarmed except that one of them had a revolver. They showed their initiative, however, by holding their ground, silencing the gun and marching in the five Germans as prisoners. The corporal has been recommended for the D. C. M. and Gardner for the Military Medal, and he hoped both would be awarded.

BODY OF E. P. LeBLANC, MONCTON AIRMAN, HOME

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, May 2.—The body of Edgar P. LeBlanc, who was killed in a flying accident at Mohawk Camp, Deseronto, Tuesday last, arrived here today and was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. LeBlanc. The funeral of the young airman will be held tomorrow morning from St. Bernard's church. Members of the Great War Veterans' Association will attend the funeral in a body.