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(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, May 17.—(Official communique.)—Whole companies of Germans were slaughtered in bloody fighting in a blinding rainstorm around Neuville and Sochez, according to despatches from the battlefield to-day.

The Germans attacked fiercely at four distinct points. They sought to recover the ground gained by the French in the Saturday and Sunday fighting in this region. The War Office announced this afternoon that in each instance the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

An extremely heavy bombardment is now proceeding north of Arras, pointing to a renewal of the infantry engagement.

In the region of Het Sas the Allies have made further progress, it was officially announced.

Fate of Missing Canadians Will Soon Be Known

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, May 17.—Canadian casualties sustained in fighting at Langemarck and later are rapidly reaching the 5,000 mark. Since April 22nd the total casualties up till this morning were 4,761. This includes 678 killed, 867 missing and 3,208 wounded. There is no apparent abatement in the numbers coming in each day to the official records office.

A sinister fact about the more recent lists is that the killed in action and the missing figure most prominently. It will soon be possible to ascertain how many of these now numbered among the missing have been taken prisoners and how many have been buried by the Germans. By the system of exchange of identification tags, it will be possible later to place the missing in the proper category.

A Revolution Breaks Out At Trieste, Austria

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, May 17.—A revolution has broken out at Trieste, Austria, according to a message to the Idea Nazionale, telegraphed from the frontier. The Governor ordered the gendarmes to charge the crowd, which retired, fighting stubbornly.

The despatch states that forty-seven women were killed and over three hundred people were injured.

SLAUGHTER AT VAN.

An American Mission Centre In Armenia By Turks.

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, May 17.—The Armenian city of Van, an important American mission centre, has been attacked by roving bands of Turkish irregulars and Kurds, and six thousand Armenians were killed, according to despatches received here to-day. Foreigners also are among the dead.

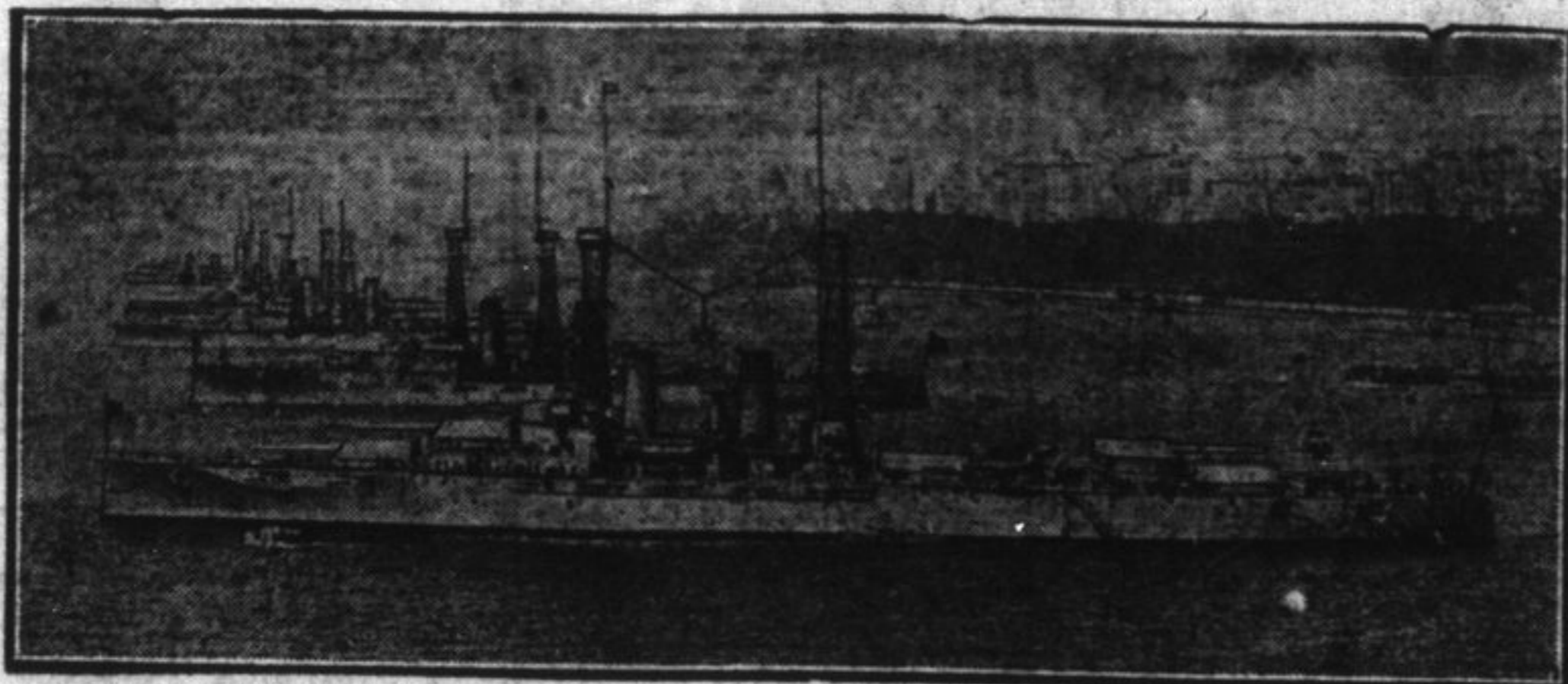
BIG BATTLE DEVELOPING NEAR PRZEMYSL FORTRESS

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Petrograd, May 17.—A great battle is developing near the fortress of Przemyśl, it was semi-officially stated to-day. The enemy has appeared in large force on both Russian flanks in the region extending from Jaroslau to Chyrof, a distance of thirty-five miles. The Russian centre is falling back upon Przemyśl from the bend of the San to entrenchments previously prepared. The Germans are attacking with great vigor north of Przemyśl, but have been unable to make any impression on the Russian lines.

To the northwest of the Chyrof-Przemyśl railway, the Austrians are on the offensive.

The Russian offensive in southeastern Galicia, north of Kolomea, is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.



U. S. FLEET OF ATLANTIC IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

Winston Churchill made a hit by concentrating the British fleet "in manoeuvres" in the fateful days last July. At this moment the American fleet is "mobilized" in New York harbor, but it is for review purposes. The President expects to review the fleet.

UNITED STATES ARMADA

Greeted President Wilson Off New York Sunday.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, May 17.—America's armada, the Atlantic fleet, to-day greeted its commander-in-chief, President Wilson, for the first time. Rain, hail and drizzling, with leaden skies, tossed a soggy pall over the opening festivities attending the President's first review.

In view of the international situation extraordinary precautions were taken to protect the Chief Executive. In addition to the usual Secret Service guards and uniformed police, a detective force of six hundred strong was assigned to stations along the line of march.

THE GERMANS ADMIT RETIRING

From Advanced Positions at Hetsas And Steenstraete.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, May 17.—An official statement this afternoon the German War Office admitted that their forces had been compelled to retire from their advanced positions in the neighborhood of Hetsas and Steenstraete.

SIXTY BOMBS DROPPED.

Of Towns In Neighborhood of Rams-gate, England.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—Summarized reports from the towns visited by the two German Zeppelins at midnight, in the neighborhood of Rams-gate, indicate that at least sixty bombs were dropped by aerial bombardiers. Three civilians were slightly injured and several buildings and two fishing smacks were damaged. Despite the police warning, the people flocked to the streets and it is a wonder more were not hurt.

Zeppelin Bombed Calais.

(Special to the Whig.) Calais, May 17.—A Zeppelin flew over Calais early to-day dropping several bombs. A number of children were killed and a woman was injured.

Was Severely Damaged.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—The Admiralty to-day announced that it has good reason to believe the Zeppelin that raided Rams-gate early to-day has been "severely damaged."

LONDON TO BE BOMBARDED

By Poisonous Gas Bombs, Announce German Fiends.

(Special to the Whig.) Geneva, May 17.—London is to be bombarded from the air with poisonous gas bombs similar to those used by the Germans recently at Ypres, according to word brought here to-day from the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshaven. The twelfth Zeppelin completed at Friedrichshaven since the war began, manoeuvred over Lake Constance all day Sunday in trial trips.

May Prohibit Race Meetings.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons this afternoon that the question of prohibiting race meetings during the war is now receiving the Government's attention.

King Of Greeks Very Ill.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—An official despatch to the Greek Legation to-day stated: "There was an insidious highness of fever, accompanied by nausea Sunday night in the king's condition."

DOUBLE LIABILITY CLAUSE.

Shareholders of Farmers' Bank Announced Liable.

Toronto, May 17.—Shareholders of the Farmers' Bank of Canada are liable under the double liability clause of the Bank Act. This was the decision of Official Referee J. A. MacAndrew, given to-day in a test case brought by James R. Lindsay.

Head On Murder Charge.

Woodstock, Ont., May 17.—Arrested here Wednesday upon suspicion of being the man wanted by the Norwich authorities for an assault committed near Newark, Emory D. Shelly, aged twenty-one, was arraigned before County Judge Wallace. He refused the aid of counsel, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. A charge has been laid against Shelly of having last Tuesday shot and killed Christopher Schoup, a wealthy farmer and miller of North Walsingham, Norfolk County.

An anti-Japanese riot in Hankow, China, was quelled by the British.

UNEMPLOYED AUSTRIANS ARE LEAVING CANADA

Three Thousand of Them on Their Way To Enter The United States.

Winnipeg, May 17.—The advance guard of the Austrian army of the unemployed making for the United States reached Ottumbara yesterday. This is about half-way to the United States border. The main body is about five miles behind. They are expected to reach Emerson to-night.

Soldiers of Canada and immigration officers of the United States are mingling with them in an unsuccessful attempt to get them to turn back.

Another body of more than a thousand Austrians are finishing preparations to start for the States late yesterday afternoon.

Canadian officials vigorously denied that they had instigated the Austrians to leave Canada in order to solve a situation that was admittedly bothersome to them.

No Money, No Admission.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 17.—"Unless they have money they cannot come to the United States," was the declaration of officials here concerning the reported attempted immigration of 3,000 unemployed Austrians en route to this country. They said that the test would be up to the immigration authorities at Emerson.

Oxford Attendance Small.

Oxford, Eng., May 17.—The summer term has begun at Oxford, with the roll of students showing a still further diminution. The number of undergraduates in residence for the summer term was 1,400, for the Lenten term 1,000, and it has now fallen below 900. Oriel College, chief of the "sports colleges," has only 100 students. King's and Queen's have the most, with 50. Few of the other colleges have more than 30 or 40.

Big Reward For Subs.

London, May 17.—"Owing to the reported presence of German submarines in the Mediterranean," says Reuter's Athens correspondent, "the British Legation has issued a notice through the local press offering a reward of £2,500 to anyone supplying information which will lead to their destruction."

No Booze; No Rowing Club.

Toronto, May 17.—A winding up order for the Toronto Rowing Club was issued by Justice Britton at Osageon Hall on Saturday. A member of the club states that "the new License Commission has refused to renew the license of the club, so the winding up order means the club will go out of business."

Makes a Donation.

Toronto, May 17.—Word has just come from A. C. Hardy, Brockville, of a splendid donation of \$40,000 towards the University Base Hospital. Mr. Hardy wishes this gift shall be used for the maintenance of the University Base Hospital throughout the war.

Judge Simeon Pagnetti, formerly of the Superior Court of Montreal, died at the age of seventy-five.

The loss of the Lusitania has provided a strong impetus to recruiting in Toronto.

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Canada Needs To Recruit 8,000 Men Every Month

The field will be heavy. It will then be necessary to raise a fourth contingent for similar purposes, but it is not proposed at present to raise a further division as such. It is indeed probable that the mounted regiments at present in Canada will follow the lead of the Strathcona and the Royal Canadian Dragoons, who are now at the front as infantry, and will offer their services in that capacity.

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BRAVE CANADIANS FOUGHT TO THE FINISH

An English Tommy Said "Blame Me If There Is Anything Left Of The Canadians But Their Good Name."

Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross Says It Was Real Hell—Medical Corps Had Awful Time Caring For Wounded—Recalls Some Stirring Events of Dreadful Conflict.

Lieut.-Col. Ross has sent a letter, written on April 28th, to Dr. J. C. Connell, in which he says:

We have been through an awful week, an experience one cannot put into words, but which will be imprinted on the mind for many days. To many of the battalions the fight came unexpectedly and the Germans were over the Frenchman and into the Canadian trenches quickly. The Germans had massed an enormous army in front of us and made the attack at an opportune time for themselves. They used a very oppressive gas which threw the Algerians into confusion. They flew and the Germans came on our men. The left of the Canadians was in touch with the right of the Algerians and, of course, when the Germans attacked they let loose gas of a peculiar odour, which must be chlorine and bromide, and it hurt the eyes much like formalin. The Algerians could not stand it, but broke and in a very short time the Germans were over their trenches and on the Canadians. The Canadians were not only able to stop them, but in turn made a counter-attack. The result was that several battalions were completely flanked, but held the position for thirty-six hours. Next day the Canadians were led to attack and the object was attained in keeping back the German rush.

I do not know enough about the situation and the attack neither can you find out anything here. We only know that remnants remain. I have passed back 1,800 in these days and No. 3 Field Ambulance has done a great deal more. Praise be on everybody's lip for the good work. Nobody can find any fault with the Canadian medical service. Since Thursday I have been on the job without sleep, eating when you can snatch a bite. The officers dressed wounds and fractures till strength failed; for an hour and back. One day I found only one man. I had a building which held 110 and a lawn. When these were full we had to stop till a convoy arrived. Then the place was swept out and loads of shells and bloody clothes cleaned out. Hell cannot heat it. Hands and faces are covered with blood too hard to be removed here. Others were left with many marks of the battle field on their way down the line. We have had every kind of man to deal with, Algerians, Senegalese, Zouaves, Mohammedans, Hindus, Baluchis, French, Belgians, Prussians, Saxons.

We have had some losses in the Ambulances, No. 3 lost their motors and about twelve men, No. 2 which was near Ypres lost many wounded and about twenty men. Major Duval and Capt. McGibbon in an advanced position with the result that Duval has one leg badly smashed and the other cut up quite a bit. Capt. McGibbon had one side of his hand severed, had his horse shot and his motor wrecked and a second set it on fire. The driver or chauffeur has since died and two bearers as I fear, badly wounded. Three slightly wounded. A few days ago, the second day of the fight young Bearnes, whose father lives in Elginburgh, Ont., had his horse shot by shrapnel and the other badly wounded.

We have been here since Friday and this is Wednesday. Last night the Germans let loose on this place and the confusion was intense. A company of French was marching towards the trench, had just passed our hospital, followed by a company of Belgians, when the first shell exploded. They turned together and beat it down the road, followed by women, men and children rushing out. These came lines of transport. We had

to clear our hospitals; did it all in good shape. Col. Foster, our A.D.C., came over and said, "Now, Ross, I have two wounded cases in that church." It naturally caused him a great deal of worry, so I said, "Never mind, we'll clear it." So I called for volunteers and a company of Durham Light Infantry jumped up and we had a procession to the church. Capt. Gordon and I leading. In a few minutes their stretcher cases were all marching up the street to a safer place. Capt. Gordon and I headed the procession down. We had only finished the job when the shelling became very brisk, dropping every place. They killed three of our horses, one being my own. This makes six horses I have lost by shells. Capt. Alexander Gordon enjoys this experience. He is a brick and a worker. You would enjoy seeing him handle stretcher cases all night and most of the day.

4.30 p.m.—We have just had another visit from shells. They have certainly surrounded this house by their fire. One hit the roof of the house across the road, and the splinters and pieces of shell fell all around us. The report of the fighting had just reached us. Looks pretty good for Canadians.

SPECIALY MENTIONED.

Lieut.-Col. Ross in a letter to a hand says: There was a report that George Richardson was killed but happily he has come home. I have it on good authority that he has been specially mentioned. He had charge of one platoon which did not and would not surrender when flanked by the Germans. Col. Ross has lost six horses by shells.

A Cayuga Candidate.

Cayuga, May 17.—The candidature of J. J. Parsons for the Federal House received hearty endorsement at the annual meeting of the Haldimand Liberal Association.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

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BORN.

JONES—At the Rectory, Tamworth, Ont., on Sunday, May 16th, 1915, to the wife of the Rev. Rural Dean Jones, a daughter.

DIED.

BURK—In Kingston, on May 16th, 1915, Archibald Charles Burk, aged three years, infant son of Frederick Burk, serving with Queen's Engineers.

Funeral took place from 14 Ontario street this afternoon to Carleton cemetery.

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