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ONE STROKE GAINS BACK

All Ground French Lost in Two Months.

GERMANS SACRIFICED

THOUSANDS TO WIN WHAT THEY NOW LOSE.

Enemy, Completely Taken by Surprise, Was Thrown Back in Disorder and Suffered Exceptionally Heavy Losses.

Paris, May 6.—The French successes on the left bank of the Meuse have been of greater importance than indicated by first reports, according to a semi-official statement issued. The French troops, by a skillfully prepared and brilliantly executed operation, have thrown back the Germans on the north-west side of Dead Man's Hill beyond the line held at the beginning of March. The enemy has thus lost by a single stroke his gains patently made by two months of continuous, costly attacks.

Dead Man's Hill has twin summits, known respectively as Hills No. 265 and 295. On the first of these the Germans had effected a footing, but now have been completely cleared from Hill No. 265.

The Germans, surprised by the suddenness of the French attack, were thrown back in disorder and suffered exceptionally heavy losses, particularly from the preliminary bombardment. The large number of Germans killed explains why so few prisoners were taken.

ALLIES CAN SMASH ANY DRIVE OF HUNS.

French Losses Have Not Impaired Powers of Offensives.

Paris, May 6.—General de la Croix, former president of the war council, writes: "Our losses have not impaired our powers of offensive. I do not believe the Germans can say the same.

"We can expect a gradual decline in their strength, which to-day consists largely of their quick-firing heavy guns and machine guns. I have positive information, however, that their batteries have suffered greatly from our gunfire. I do not pretend that our guns have not suffered, but we can always replace them.

REFUSAL TO ENLARGE SCOPE OF ENQUIRY.

Ottawa, May 6.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Premier Borden refused to enlarge the scope of the fuse enquiry now under way, as was moved for by Mr. Cartwright, saying that every latitude would be allowed in the matter of investigating all contracts for fuses in the present probe.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Embargo Placed on Animals, Hay, Etc., From Illinois to Canada.

Ottawa, May 6.—Owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the State of Illinois, which has been reported to Ottawa from Washington, the Department of Agriculture has imposed an embargo on all animals, hay, straw, fodder, etc., coming from Illinois into Canada. The embargo will be maintained until the American authorities have succeeded in stamping out the disease.

Byng to Succeed Alderson?

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, May 6.—The Globe has a report that Lieut.-Gen. Alderson, commanding the Canadians, will be succeeded by Major-Gen. Sir Julian Byng and that Sir Sam Hughes will also get a high command.

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BRAZIL INFLAMED BY GERMAN PIRACY.

Government Notifies Kaiser's Legation of Urgent Inquiry Into Sinking of Rio Branco.

Rio Janeiro, May 6.—The Brazilian Government has notified the German Legation that it has ordered an urgent inquiry into the sinking of the Brazilian steamer Rio Branco in order to be able to set with certainty for the defence of its neutral rights.

Official telegrams received here announce that the Rio Branco was torpedoed. The newspapers are greatly aroused and unanimously demand energetic intervention by the Brazilian Government.

Yesterday the Jornal do Commercio advocated co-operation with the United States to oppose submarine warfare as it has been carried on. Its lead is followed by the other newspapers which are strong in their denunciation.

The Correo de Manha says: "Germany considers herself in a state of war with the entire world." The Gazeta de Noticias says that Emperor William's general staff has declared war on humanity. It adds: "To combat inhuman Prussianism is the duty of every nation."

O Paiz says: "Brazil sees in this world war no place for neutrals. Whoever remains neutral will be vanquished. Germany deserves no longer from our Government the consideration it has been showing it against the general sentiment of the country. All Brazil looks to President Braz, confident that he will measure up to the destinies of Brazil."

THE HOLY WAY.

Paris, May 6.—A campaign was begun yesterday to induce the French Government to pre-empt the present battle line un-encumbered and to appoint soldiers to take charge of it after the war, and thus enable tourists to see the entrenched line exactly as it appears to-day.

CHANGE IN CANADIAN COMMANDS AT FRONT.

Gen. Alderson Likely To Assume a New Important Position.

Ottawa, May 6.—It was rumored at Ottawa that a big shake-up in the Canadian forces in France will be made shortly. It is said that Gen. Alderson, who from the outbreak of the war has been in command of the Canadians, is to assume a new important position.

The Canadian forces will soon consist of four divisions in the field, and it is possible a Canadian General will be placed in command of the four divisions. General Turner, V. C., who covered himself with glory at Langemarck and in later battles is mentioned. General David Watson, it is intimated, will command the new fourth division.

BIG HARD COAL STRIKE AVERTED BY AGREEMENT.

Men Get Higher Pay, Shorter Hours, and Virtual Union Recognition.

Pottsville, Pa., May 6.—The enthralling coal controversy which threatened to cause a strike of the 176,000 mine workers in the hard coal region came to an end through the ratification by the miners' convention of the agreement recently reached between the scale committee of operators and miners at New York. The delegates accepted the new scale, involving increased wages, shorter hours and virtual recognition of the union, by a vote of 581 to 206. The agreement takes the place of the one that expired on March 31. It will be retroactive to that date, and will continue for four years.

WAR BULLETINS.

- The eyewitness story tells of great work by Canadians in driving the enemy back.
An Austrian torpedo boat was sunk in the Adriatic by a French submarine.
The Russians are making steady progress in the Caucasus.
The British freighter Clan McFadyen best off two submarines in the Bay of Biscay.

Cabinet Resignation Withdrawn.

Sydney, N.S.W., May 6.—The Ministry of New South Wales has decided to withdraw its resignation which had been presented to the Labor party. An agreement has been reached whereby the question of the abolition of the upper house of Parliament will be submitted to a referendum.

Prussian Losses Exceed 2,500,000. London, May 6.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the latest German official announcement of the Prussian losses brings the total of these losses to 2,537,124. These do not include the Bavarian, Saxon or Wurtemberg losses.

SCULPTOR MAKES NEW FACES FOR DISFIGURED SOLDIERS.



Lieut. Derwent Wood, A.R.A., well-known sculptor, makes wonderful face masks for disfigured soldiers, and restores them to their original appearance. The man shown was badly injured at the Dardanelles, and is being fitted with a new eye, eyelashes and lids.

COL. HUGHES TO PLACE ROSEDALE SOUNDS CALL

IN THE TRANS-ATLANTIC WORK THIS SEASON.

Fifteen Canada Steamship Lines Vessels Now Have Been Transferred From Lake to Ocean Service.

Announcement was made at the offices of the Canada Steamship Lines that another lake steamer, this Rosedale, will be transferred this summer from operation on inland waters for service on the ocean. In addition, it is possible that still another ship will be taken off the lakes for trans-Atlantic work.

The Rosedale is now on her way from Fort William with a full cargo of oats, and she is expected to arrive at Montreal on Monday next.

The addition of these two boats to the present ocean fleet of the company will bring the numerical strength up to fifteen steamers. When war broke out and the demand for "warships" came as a consequence, the officials of the line saw the great advantages to be obtained by a transfer of some of their lake fleet to the sea, and at different periods during the last season eighteen boats were sent out to sea.

These were the Acadian, Jacques, Gordon, Dundee, Glenelgh, placed on the American seaboard trade, two, the A. E. McKinstry and Canadian placed on the west Indian trade, and six others, the Kenora, Neenawah, Renoyville, Strathcona, Tagona, and Winona, placed on the eastern Atlantic seaboard trade. The remaining five have been lost. These are the Empress of Fort William, torpedoed, Empress of Midland, mined, Dunelm, foundered, Midland Queen, shelled and sank, and the Donnacona, foundered. On only one boat, the Dunelm, which sailed out to sea and was never heard of again, was there any loss of life. All the crew foundered with this boat.

While the steamers now on the ocean trade are earning more money than they would have done if retained on the lakes, an official of the line said to-day that the boats on the lakes are getting a much higher higher rate now. The Canada Steamship Lines have ample carrying facilities for their package freight trade this summer.

SEYMOUR COMPANIES PASS TO THE HYDRO.

Order-in-Council Has Been Passed Transferring Control to Commission.

Toronto, May 6.—Hon. Howard G. Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, announced yesterday that an order-in-council has just been passed authorizing the transfer of control and operation of the Seymour Company's interests in the Trent Valley district, to the Hydro commission. On the closing day of the last session of the Ontario Legislature a bill was passed providing for the purchase of the chain of power plants owned and operated by the Seymour Company.

A NEWSPAPER POLL ON GERMAN REPLY.

Shows That Many U. S. Editors Do Not Approve Of It.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, May 6.—A poll of 192 representatives of American newspapers compiled here to-day by the New York Times from editorial comment reveals that 74 disapprove of the reply of Germany to President Wilson's submarine note, 28 approve, and 39 are non-committal. In the Times poll the eastern portion of the south is a trifle more hostile to the reply than any other section. "One realizes, after being in the game, what those brave lads must have suffered, and what it meant to them to stand up to those terrible batterings they received from the President's demands 'substantially met.'"

ENEMY TAKES SOME GROUND

From the French on Slope of Hill 304.

MOST VIOLENT ATTACK

FORCED FRENCH TO EVACUATE SOME TRENCHES

The German Advance at Other Points Checked—The Battle at Hill 304 Is Still Proceeding.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 6.—French troops have been forced to evacuate part of their trenches on the northern slope of Hill 304, the keystone of the French defensive positions, northwest of Verdun, under a most violent German attack, it was officially admitted to-day.

The attack launched by the Germans yesterday was the most determined assault on the dominating position of Hill 304 since the Verdun drive began. The battle raged all day yesterday and throughout last night, and was still continuing when the last official despatches were filed to the War Office.

The Germans launched the attack after an unusually violent bombardment with big calibre and asphyxiating gas shells. While the French positions on a wide front were under attack, the sector before Hill 304 received the brunt of the German rush.

The bombardment by German guns wrecked part of the French trenches, making them untenable in the fire that raked the positions on the northern slopes. It was these trenches that were evacuated.

French batteries posted on the summit of the hill and adjoining positions responded so energetically to the German bombardment that the German advance was checked everywhere else.

During last night the Germans made a determined attack against French positions in the woods north west of Hill 304, but were repulsed by a bayonet charge.

It has been confirmed, the War Office stated that in Thursday's attack against the northern slopes of 304, fresh German divisions participated, suffering crushing losses.

East of the Meuse there was intense artillery activity in the region of Vaux, north-east of Verdun. At Lassigny the French, by a bold surprise attack, captured prisoners and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

In Argonne the French captured two mitrailleuses and made some prisoners.

MADE VAIN ADVANCES TO IRISH IN TRENCHES.

Irish Air and Rule Britannia Played on Mouth Organs—Answer to Overtures.

London, May 6.—Immediately after the outbreak of the Irish revolution German soldiers in trenches opposite the Irish division, fighting on the western front, put up signs inviting Irishmen to join the Germans, according to news received by John E. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist, from his brother, Capt. William H. K. Redmond, now at the front. One note read: "Irishmen in Ireland are revolution. English guns are firing on your wives and children. Sir Roger Casement persecuted. Throw your arms away. We give you hearty welcome."

Another sign read: "We are Saxons, and if you don't fire, we won't." The Irishmen replied by playing an Irish air and "Rule Britannia" on mouth organs.

A SUBMARINE SUNK IN BATTLE WITH LINER.

British Steamship Reaches Port After Attack in Bay of Biscay.

London, May 6.—The British liner Clan MacFadyen has arrived in Gravesend from Africa somewhat damaged by the gunfire of two German submarines. The steamer returned the fire, and it was believed on board that one of the submarines was destroyed.

The steamer reports that the first attack on her was made in the Bay of Biscay, when a submarine fired sixty shots at a range of fifty yards. The steamer immediately brought her big gun into action and hit the submarine several times, and it is believed, destroyed it.

Three hours later another submarine fired a torpedo, but missed the Clan MacFadyen by a few feet.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO END THE WAR.

American Circles in Berlin Think Wilson Has a Great Chance.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, May 6.—American circles here pointed out to-day the importance of the peace feature contained in Germany's reply to the American note, and expressed the belief that President Wilson now has a great opportunity to bring the war to an early end. Some persons even suggested that the time is now ripe for Col. House to re-visit European capitals.

HOPE THAT WILSON WILL ACCEPT TERMS.

Upon the Basis of Written International Law and Humanity.

Berlin, May 6 (via London).—The German answer to the American government's note with regard to Germany's submarine warfare has been published here and the newspapers generally refrain from an attempt to anticipate its contents or to forecast the consequences which may follow. The Lokal Anzeiger, however, prints the following significant comment:

"Judging by what we have been able to learn concerning the spirit of the German answer to America, we cherish the expectation that the sense of justice of the American people which was emphasized in the American note will come into its own."

"The concessions made by Germany in this connection is naturally, as the dignity of the empire demands, solely born out of the consciousness of German strength, German successes and the justice of our cause."

"The German standpoint can less be subjected to just criticism because of the fact that to the best of our knowledge it rests upon the basis of written international law and humanity repeatedly emphasized by America."

The Vossische Zeitung says: "Our investigations, made after the note was delivered, show that political circles cherish the hope that a conflict with America will be avoided."

HANGED HERSELF IN THE STOREHOUSE.

Mrs. Wm. Wilcox, of Bancroft, Deliberately Takes Her Own Life.

Bancroft, May 6.—A most distressing affair took place on Wednesday when Mrs. William Wilcox committed suicide by hanging herself.

About eight o'clock she went into the store house adjoining the residence to procure a hat for her husband. Not returning promptly Mr. Wilcox went out to see what was detaining her. He found the door fastened on the inside and looking in through the window was horrified to see her hanging from a beam. He ran around to the front of the building where he gained admission and cut the body down, but life was extinct. She was not absent from the house more than ten minutes.

The suicide was most deliberate. She stood on a chair and after fastening the rope around her neck, stepped off and strangled to death.

The deceased was of a most cheerful disposition, and no reason, other than that she had been in poor health for some time, can be assigned for the terrible deed.

THE EIGHTH REBEL TO BE EXECUTED.

John McBride, Sinn Fein Leader, Shot—Two Others Imprisoned.

(Special to the Whig.) Dublin, May 8.—John McBride, Sinn Fein leader, and the eighth rebel to be executed, was shot to-day, it was officially announced to-day.

Two others sentenced to die received commutation of their sentences to life imprisonment.

FITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

The Bishop of Michigan announced himself strongly in favor of prohibition. Britain will release Austrians and Germans seized on the American ship China.

The Cunard line has acquired all the Canadian Northern Atlantic steamers. It is generally believed the German note will be acceptable to President Wilson.

Capt. A. McNab, Owen Sound, of the steamer Lambton, was drowned at PARRY SOUND. W. H. Perrin, a resident of Clinton for more than half a century, died at the age of eighty-five.

A group of sixty-five strong, well-drilled Walpole Island Indians joined Lambton county's 149th Battalion.

William A. Gibson, Belleville, is dead following paralysis. Deceased was born in 1834 in Prince Edward County.

James Oliver, Paris, who on the 12th of July last attended his seventy-seventh Orange parade, is dead, at the age of ninety-seven.

The body of Pte. Frederick John Irvine, 111th Batt., missing from the barracks at Galt since April 18th, was found floating in the Grand River by two comrades.

Lou Sanderson, an unmarried farm laborer, aged forty-four, who had just enlisted in the Duffarin-Halton Battalion, died at a hotel in Orangeville of an overdose of laudanum, which he had taken for insomnia.

BASEBALL ON FRIDAY.

International League. Baltimore, 8; Buffalo, 5. Richmond, 9; Rochester, 8.

National League. St. Louis, 5; Cincinnati, 7. Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 3 (13 innings).

American League. New York, 5; Boston, 4 (13 innings).

St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 4. Cleveland, 3; Chicago, 2.

WILL NOT BE MADE A PARTY

In the Proposed Three-Angled Diplomatic Game.

LONDON DISAPPOINTED

OVER REPORTS THAT WILSON WILL LIKELY ACCEPT.

The German Reply Regarding Submarine Warfare—A Demonstration in London to Commemorate Sinking of the Lusitania.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 6.—Washington press dispatches, reporting that President Wilson probably will accept in substance the German reply, brought disappointment to the London press to-day.

The English newspapers expressed concern, too, over Germany's attempt to embroil Great Britain and America by making concessions conditional on a change in the British methods of warfare.

They unite in the declaration that the British Government will not allow itself to be made a party in such a three-angled diplomatic game.

Lusitania Demonstration.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 6.—A big demonstration, commemorating the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine on May 7th, 1915, will be held in Hyde Park to-morrow. A large model of the Lusitania, one of the lost liner's lifeboats, and other relics will be carried in a procession.

May Sound the Powers About Peace.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, May 8.—Overshadowing in many minds the question of the President's acceptance of the German reply, is the interest in the small paragraph in the heart of the German note relating to peace. When the President replies to Germany, this paragraph may or may not be touched upon. Several officials to-day, in a guarded manner, indicated strongly that something may result directly from Germany's plain intimation that she is anxious for peace.

It may be said with authority that some of those close in the councils of the President, believe he should and may tentatively sound out the warring powers on the question of possible peace as a result of the German note.

Think Issue Is Closed. (Special to the Whig.) Washington, May 8.—The submarine issue between the United States and Germany is closed. This is the view of President Wilson's advisers, with the official text of Germany's reply to the American demands in hand. The President himself received the official text to-day but the White House withheld comment.

So completely do the officials in touch with the situation consider the issue disposed of that it is said there will be no reply to the German note.

STILL ANOTHER ZEPPELIN

Out of Commission After Battle With British.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 6.—Dutch fishing boats report that another German Zeppelin in sinking in the North Sea off Ameland, after an encounter with British aeroplanes.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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The annual picnic under auspices of St. James' Anglican Church, Pittsburgh, will be held on Wednesday, June 14th.

BORN. CORNETT—In St. Thomas, Thursday, May 4th, 1916, to Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Cornett, a daughter.

DEED. THOMPSON—Private David Trotman, of 21st Battalion, killed in action April 22nd, 1914, aged 35 years. Toronto and Carleton Place papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM. An anniversary requiem high mass will be sung in St. Mary's Cathedral at 12.30 a.m. Monday, May 8th, for the repose of the soul of the late Pte. Edward Barry, who died in a German hospital from wounds received in the battle of Langemarck. Friends and acquaintances kindly attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. Our lives must climb from hope to hope and realize our longing. —Lowell.