

FOE LACKS THE RESERVE

To Make successful Attack on Verdun.

THE LAST IS CALLED

BY VON FALKENHAYN FROM EASTERN FRONT.

Entente Sick of Seeing Initiative Lie With Germans, But Allied Troops Must Choose Own Hour for Assuming Offensive on West Front.

(By Col. E. P. Repington, Military Expert of the London Times).

London, May 15.—The German Staff boasts that their twenty-five divisions before Verdun have been opposed by fifty-one of the French.

He has called to Verdun the one and only German division in reserve at his disposal on the whole eastern front, and has also probably brought up a few divisions from Siberia to try to make good.

Naturally the moving spectacle of the gallantry of the French at Verdun and the other moving spectacles of the passivity of France's Allies elsewhere has caused much impatience in many quarters, and we in Britain are not exempt from this feeling.

The signs point to the possibility of a serious movement against the Riga-Drinsk front at an early date, but every confidence is expressed in Gen. Kuropatkin's ability to defend his position.

MAJOR W. A. MITCHELL WRITES TO THE WHIG.

Received Books With Clippings Prepared By Frontenac School Pupils.

The Whig is in receipt of the following letter from Major W. A. Mitchell, No. 8 Company of 2nd Divisional Train, serving in France:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am well, and that I received the two books prepared by the pupils of the Frontenac school with clippings of all the latest news of your valued paper, which I prize very highly.

"We have had two gas attacks, but both of them have been repulsed with terrible fire from our side.

"The company under my command has splendid quarters, and I am under canvas, with a lovely view of the firing line and the country. I have one Kingman boy in my company, Harold Gow, of the depot."

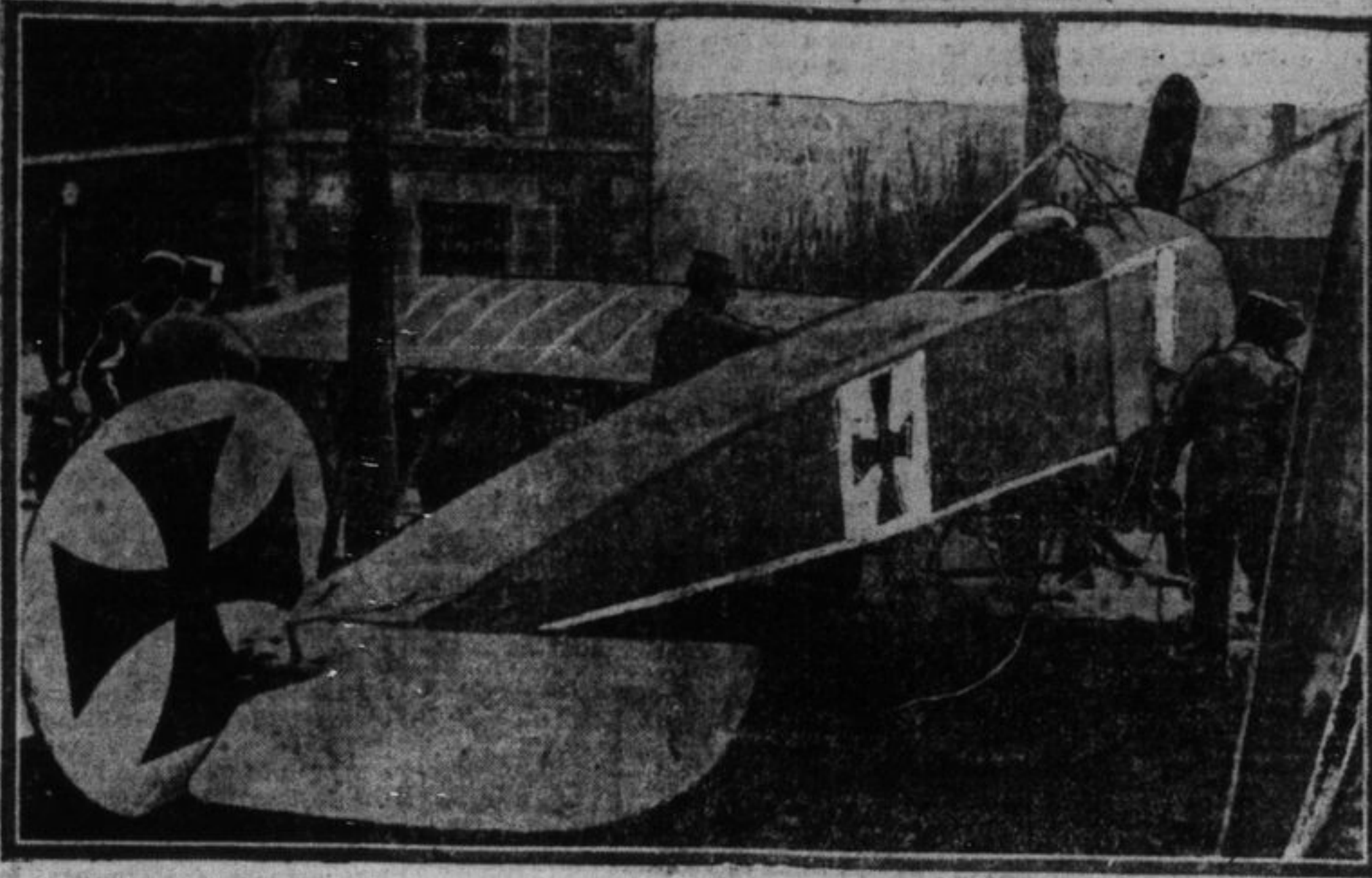
Shortage of Salt. A serious problem, in regard to the procuring of adequate supplies of saltpetre for curing purposes for the coming season, is attracting the minds of the Newfoundland fishers.

A Cause for Family Gloom. Mr. E. M. Macdonald, the versatile member for Picton, the Nova Scotia county where the college presidents come from, has no pecuniary for transmitting the eldest son, became a member of the House of Commons.

Went to U. S. for Divorce. In a half century Canada allowed but 600 divorces, the United States 2,063,812. Over 20,000 Canadians crossed the border to obtain divorce in the United States.

General John J. Pershing, the expeditionary commander, declared that reports published in the United States that his troops were menaced by Carranzistas on all sides were untrue.

GERMAN FOKKER AEROPLANE CAPTURED.



Picture shows one of the speedy German Fokker machines which was brought down over the French lines recently, on exhibition in a north of France town.

ROYAL PROCLAMATIONS.

How King George Deals With the Privy Council.

Time was when the King's Privy Council was the great governing body of England; but since the days of the first Charles it has fallen from its high estate until it is now a mere lifeless shadow of its former greatness, with no influence, and controlling nothing that in the smallest degree affects legislation.

It is at its best the humble instrument of the Cabinet, promulgating the laws in the making of which it has had no voice whatever.

The office of the Privy Council is in the Treasury Buildings in Whitehall; but its meetings are held wherever His Majesty is residing at the time—at Buckingham Palace, at Windsor, or at Sandringham.

The King receives these Right Honorable gentlemen in whatever room he may choose to be in, in the most informal manner possible; and the business, all prepared beforehand by the Clerk, is quickly dispatched. A few minutes of pleasant gossip and the Council is at an end.

Canada May Profit. If twenty German scholarships at present granted under the Rhodes Trust are cancelled, it is probable that Canada will benefit, but the writer understands that legislative proposals in this matter have not yet been drafted.

Marriage at the age of 13—as in the case of a woman who has just died at Shoreham, Eng.—would not have been regarded as extraordinary in the 17th century.

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PITH OF THE NEWS

Despatches From Near and Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

Roy Campbell, Montreal, Secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has been appointed to go to Europe.

Rev. J. N. MacLean, Secretary of the Manitoba Social Service Council, has been appointed Probation Commissioner.

The United States is to have a regular army of 268,000 men. The naval building programme is now before Congress.

Sarah Bernhardt has returned to Paris from the front where she gave six performances in three days to the soldiers.

Hon. J. A. Oulmet, K.C., P.C., former Minister of Public Works under Sir John Macdonald died in Montreal on Friday.

Twenty-two trained men who have been in charge of the internment camp at Petawawa have joined the 207th Battalion, Ottawa.

Major Asselin, Nationalist, having raised the battalion which he was authorized to recruit in Montreal district, that corps will shortly leave for the front.

Twenty-two Tomdromen men appeared in Toronto Police Court in connection with the mobbing of Robert Hazleton, author of the letter to Senator Choquette.

Deer Park ratepayers favor running the Metropolitan Railway down Mount Pleasant road, as a solution of the transportation difficulties of the north end.

A trans-continental aeroplane competition, for which prizes aggregating \$100,000 probably will be offered.

has been decided upon by the Aero Club of America.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States will elect seven new bishops. Dr. F. T. Keeney, Syracuse, N.Y., may be one.

The French government has released for shipment to Serbia thirty-tonnes of food destined for the starving Serbs. The consignment goes forward by railroad via Switzerland.

Hon. J. A. Oulmet, K.C., P.C., former Minister of Public Works under Sir John Macdonald, and former Justice of the Court of Appeals, died at Montreal, aged sixty-nine.

The short skirt will continue to be worn next fall, according to the report of the style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, adopted at its annual meeting.

Rosebery's Judgment. Two or three times a week Lord Rosebery is to be found lunching at Buckingham Palace, which merely emphasizes that King George, like his father, has the firmest faith in Lord Rosebery's judgment, and likes to get his views on important questions. Lord Rosebery has, of course, known King George since he was a child, and was a constant visitor at Sandringham.

Not for Sale. It is related of Mr. Rudyard Kipling that on one occasion he received an offer of a thousand dollars from an American paper for an article of a thousand words on "Why America could not conquer England."

\$100 Reward, \$100. The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that it is curable by the internal use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hamilton Bonds Sold. Toronto, May 15.—A. H. Martens & Co., Toronto, have purchased \$287,845.56 City of Hamilton 4 1/2 per cent debentures, maturing from one to fifteen years.

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WHAT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN?

Belgium Must be Cared For in Meantime

"The British Empire is at war and will remain at war," says Premier Asquith, "until Belgium recovers in full measure, all, and more than all, that she has sacrificed."

Thousands of Canadians have applauded this statement of Mr. Asquith—have commended the sentiment expressed in it, combining patriotism and loyalty to our Allies—yet have failed to grasp the full import of the situation.

What of Belgium in the meantime? While the Empire is at war to recover Belgium's rights, so foully violated by the German invader, who is going to care for the mothers, wives and little kiddies left unprotected at home? Their husbands and fathers are fighting beside ours, and children and wives are at the mercy of a foe with no qualms at using starvation as a weapon against heroic women and helpless children.

Canada must take up the burden. The Dominion must protect and provide for the women and children. The States are doing their part, South America are doing theirs, and the rest of the British colonies are contributing according to their ability.

Seven million Belgian women and children are hungry—starving. All they ask for is a mere pittance of food, just enough to keep off death. Ten cents a day will do it.

A dollar goes a long way in Belgium, particularly when placed in the hands of the Commission for Relief.

The Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, is the official organization for the reception of the gifts of food and money that so many Canadians are making now. A dollar to this committee insures the fact that the money will be quickly placed where it will do the most good and it further prevents the enemy from profiting by it.

NEW MOTOR MERGER.

Accessories Companies Will Have \$60,000,000 Capital. New York, May 15.—Plans have been perfected for the formation of a United Motors Corporation, which will merge the following automobile accessories companies: Perlan Rim Corporation, of Jackson, Mich., manufacturers of the demountable rim; New Departure Company, of Bristol, Mass., manufacturers of double roller bearings; manufacturers of Harrison, N. J., Company, of Toledo, manufacturers of the Delco lighting and ignition systems and self-starters; the Reamy Company, of Indianapolis, manufacturers of self-starters. The combination represents a capitalization of \$60,000,000.

Sale of Municipal Bonds. Toronto, May 15.—Canadian municipal bond sales as compiled by the Financial Times total \$3,588,990 for the month of April. Of this amount, a total of \$1,703,506 was disposed of in the United States, being the \$1,620,000 Prince Rupert, B. C., and \$83,506 Sault Ste. Marie issues.

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NEED FOOD VERY BADLY

People in Northern France Have Suffered.

VERGE OF STARVATION

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN REACHED BY MANY.

Lack of Meat Is a Problem—Substitute For Butter Is Selling at \$1.50 a Pound.

London, May 16.—The Commission for Relief in Belgium received a report from Chairman Herbert Hoover, who is in London, which stated that a recent shortage of relief supplies in the German occupied sections of France forced a reduction in daily rations of destitute persons almost to the point of starvation.

"Mr. Hoover says: 'I understood an examination of conditions in Lille, Valenciennes and Coubaix, and the surrounding territory and districts of northern France, which comprises within an area of 1,235 square miles, a present population of 1,200,000 civilians.

"We found the meat shops closed and there had been no fresh meat on sale nor distributed in the district for ten days, with three exceptions. The shops have recently and openly sold dog meat, a little Dutch meat which reached Roubaix—call it two sides were exposed for sale in the town, the vendor demanding an average of 12 francs a kilo, bones and all—about \$1.30 a pound. As showing the scarcity of meat in the soup kitchens we found that during twelve days out of sixteen in one commune, there had been no meat or grease base whatever to the soup.

"The scarcity of meat is illustrated in the following incident: Two of our party endeavored to obtain dinner in Lille, and after visiting four restaurants which had no meat, they found one where the proprietor was able to offer a single chicken for 16 francs, or about \$3.20.

"The potatoes throughout the region are absolutely exhausted, 100 kilos, about 220 pounds, were offered in the Valenciennes market and sold for 85 francs, which equates \$17.6 a ton against \$20 a ton in normal times. We tried to get some potatoes from Holland, but failed.

"The total number of food animals seen in our whole journey was four cattle and fourteen chickens. The population received no milk and butter supplies and a package of Dutch margarine sold recently in Lille for \$1.50 a pound. We saw no vegetables in the markets apart from a little celery and dandelion leaves.

"It is obvious that the population are dependent upon our importation of ration, and it is clear that the March basis (reduced because of lack of supplies and other circumstances) will not support life.

"The mortality statistics for Lille of the last four months show an increase of from twenty in December to forty-two during the first twenty-five days of March. The morbidity (caused by malnutrition) has increased far beyond the figures for mortality statistics of later months.

"In conclusion, I feel my entire inability to draw an adequate picture of the unutterable depression and despair of these people. The commission is the only link to their kindred and their allies, and we are thus the only mouthpiece by which they may express to you their prayers for more help.

"The commission, which for over a year has been ceaselessly endeavoring to alleviate this mass of misery, now forced to appear as an instrument of torture since daily we must refuse the pleadings of a people whose sufferings will yet be told in terms reflecting neglect for which we are now daily blamed."

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Keen Minds and Ready Muscles. Grape-Nuts. The famous pure food—made of whole wheat and malted barley and richly supplies all the nutriment of the grains, including their precious mineral salts, required by the system for daily rebuilding. Grape-Nuts has appetizing flavour, is easily digested, comes ready to serve, and with cream or good milk is a splendidly balanced food that makes for mental and physical efficiency. "There's a Reason" Canadian Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Windsor, Ont.

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