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BRITISH REGAIN GROUND LOST

And Also Establish New Posts to the West of Bullecourt.

BITTER FIGHTING GOES ON

THE GERMANS MAKING DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

The Enemy Launched a Tremendous Attack Between Montin and Lafaux, But It Was Repulsed By the French.

(Special to the Whig) By William Phillips Simms.

With the British Forces in the Field, May 16.—Despite determined resistance, the British early to-day regained nearly all the ground in Bullecourt which they lost yesterday, and also established new posts to the west of the village. Bitter fighting is still in progress as this is despatched.

The Germans are striving to the utmost of their power to retain the initiative of action on that part of the front, where the British pressure is increasingly threatening them. Early to-day the enemy started a heavy barrage fire along the British front positions from the Scarpe north to the railway running from Arras to Douai, a distance of nearly a mile. The hail of Teutonic projectiles rattled away for an hour and then came the attack. East of Bullecourt near the Hindenburg Line, some Germans, including an officer, were captured.

British Steadily Gaining.

(Special to the Whig) London, May 16.—British forces are steadily gaining around Bullecourt and north of the Scarpe. The fighting is continuing with unabated violence, Field Marshal Haig reported to-day.

"In the western portion of Bullecourt the fighting continued yesterday to our advantage," the British Commander-in-chief reported. "To the north of the Scarpe in severe fighting, we are progressing."

French Repulse Strong Attacks.

(Special to the Whig) Paris, May 16.—A tremendous German attack on a front of two and a half miles between Moulou and Lafaux early this morning, was repulsed by French troops, the official statement announced to-day.

"Along the Aisne there was an artillery battle during the night," the statement said. "Early this morning the Germans launched a powerful attack on a front of four kilometres in the region of Moulou and Lafaux. Despite their efforts, the French held all their positions. The battle is still continuing."

"At Aubervie, Avocourt and Berry-en-Kopf the German attacks also failed."

"In Haut, Alsace, the French cleared up German trenches, imprisoning many."

WHOOPIING COUGH VACCINE

Being Distributed to Various Centres of the Province.

(Special to the Whig) Toronto, May 16.—The Provincial Board of Health is distributing to various centres of the province quantities of whooping cough vaccine by which it is hoped to prevent the spread of this troublesome disease. This has been tried in various States with success, but Ontario is the first Canadian province to adopt it.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

British.

London, May 15.—Tuesday's report read:

"Small engagements between outposts, in which our troops were successful, took place during the night south-east of Epehy."

"Another hostile counter-attack south-east of Loos was stopped by our artillery. We made a successful raid last night in the neighborhood of Ypres and captured a few prisoners."

"Hostile artillery fire was particularly heavy to-day on both banks of the Scarpe."

"Two German aeroplanes were

brought down in the air fighting yesterday; another hostile machine was driven down out of control. Two of our aeroplanes are missing."

Russian.

Petrograd, May 15.—The War Office statement said:

"Western and Rumanian fronts.—There have been fusillades and scouting reconnaissances."

"Caucasian front.—In the region of Kellor Kaniak Baba, south of Erzingan, our counter-attacks drove the Kurds from the trenches which they had occupied the day before."

"Mesopotamian front.—On the River Diale, in the region of Shiek Said Kalachirwan and opposite Omara, a fight continued throughout May 10. We captured some prisoners. Our losses were insignificant."

Turkish.

Constantinople, May 15.—The following official announcement is given out: "Of the two Russian detachments which crossed the upper Diale (Mesopotamian front), the northern one was driven back to the other bank after a short fight on May 10. The other detachment was first checked by our troops operating on the west bank, who surrounded it to the north and south. Our troops then attacked the Russians and forced them to retreat with heavy losses to the other bank."

WHIG CONTENTS.

1—Italy's Great Offensive Gains; British Regain Lost Ground; German's Aims Are Kept Dark; The Absolutely Declines to Make Statement in Answer to Interpellations; The World's News in Brief Form; Put Potatoes on Free List; New Mace for Commons; Arrives with Borden, Hazen and Rogers; Gift of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London, and a Masterpiece of the Goldbeater's Handicraft; Ottawa, May 16.—The sergeant-at-arms headed the procession to the House yesterday afternoon with a brand new mace on his shoulder, the gift of the Lord Mayor and corporation of London and a masterpiece of the goldbeater's handicraft. Hon. J. D. Hazen, fresh returned from England, was in his seat for prayers, but Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Robert postponed their entry until the House had settled down. Mr. Rogers came first and took his seat amid applause from his own side, which contrasted strikingly with the deafening silence from the Opposition. When Sir Borden entered looking brown and healthy, both sides rose and joined in a demonstration to the Premier of the Dominion. Sir Robert bowed both ways. Mr. Rogers took his old seat to the right of his leader.

2—Viviani in Hansard. Sir Thomas White announced that 25,000 additional copies of Hansard containing the report of the speech of M. Viviani would be printed for the use of the members. On the resumption of the budget debate, Hon. Frank Oliver gave notice that at the second reading of the budget resolution he would move an amendment in the nature of suggesting the desirability of a revision of the tariff downward. James Robb of Huntingdon gave notice that on the same occasion he would move that brand, shorts, and middings be placed on the free list. Frank Carvell of Carleton gave notice that he would move to have potatoes placed on the free list.

3—Knox's Son Divorced. Reno Sees End of Romance With Shogipeli. Reno, Nev., May 16.—Philaander Knox Jr., son of the present senator from Pennsylvania, was granted a divorce by District Judge Moren on the ground of desertion. There was no contest. As Miss May G. Bolter, salesgirl and actress, Mrs. Knox eloped with Knox in March, 1916, from Providence, R.I. After some difficulty in obtaining a clergyman to marry them, they came to Philadelphia, where they lived for a time, going later to Senator Knox's home at Valley Forge. For a time the parental blessing was withheld. Then her husband's failure to go to work, Mrs. Knox alleged, forced her to accept his parents' generosity. In 1915 she ran away from him. They were reconciled, but separated again.

4—Daily Memorandum. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

5—The Daily British Whig. Is on Sale at the Following City Stores. Abern, Joseph, Jr., 385 Montreal St. Best Drug Store, Princess & Division. Bucknell's News Depot, 195 King St. Clarke, J. W. & Co., 185 Princess. College Book Store, 185 Princess. Coulter's Grocery, 51 Union St. Gullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred. Frontenac Hotel, 51 Ontario St. Joseph's Book Store, Market Square. McAulley's Book Store, Cor. Prin. & King. McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. Medley's Drug Store, 185 Princess. Paul's Cigar Store, 185 Princess. Proulx's Drug Store, 185 Princess. Southcott's Grocery, 185 Princess.

6—DIED. WILLIAMS.—In Kingston, on May 15th, 1917, Elizabeth Bradshaw, widow of the late Sgt. John Williams, aged 62 years. Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, William Chapman, 229 Queen street, Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to Cataract cemetery. WILSON.—In Kingston, on May 15th, 1917, Jennie Brown, beloved wife of Chas. E. Wilson, before wife of Chas. E. Wilson, 74 years. Funeral (private) from 16 Division St., Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to Cataract cemetery. IN MEMORIAM. In loving memory of my dear husband, Walter William Butler, who entered into rest May 16th, 1916: God knows how much we miss you, He counts the tears we shed, When days are dark and friends are few, Dear loved one how we long for you, —Wife and Baby Girl.

7—JAMES REID. The Old Firm of Undertakers. 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET. Phone 147 for Ambulance. ROBERT J. REID. The Leading Undertaker. Phone 577. 250 Princess Street. Familiar Quotations. Look round the habitable world; how few Know their own good, or knowing it, pursue. —DRYDEN.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE TERMS

Of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council Regarding Coalition Government.

ARE 150,000 ELIGIBLES

IN CANADA FOR WAR SERVICE AT PRESENT

Classification of Military Prospects From National Service Cards Announced by the Minister of Militia.

Ottawa, May 16.—The Minister of Militia, replying to a question by F. F. Pardee in the Commons, made public some interesting facts in regard to the National Service registration cards sent out last winter and now analyzed and collated. The total number of replies secured was 1,549,369 or a little more than eighty per cent. of the estimated number which would have been received had all the cards sent out been filled in.

The total number who are classed as "military prospects," according to the answers given on the cards, is placed at 364,470, but of these approximately forty per cent. are now engaged in agriculture, shipbuilding, munitions and mining, and consequently can hardly be drawn upon on present conditions.

150,000 Available for War.

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In view of the great demand for men in the shipbuilding trade, it is interesting to note that only 184 men gave their trade as shipbuilders, while 3,010 men declared themselves to be toolmakers, tool-setters, etc.

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ITALY'S GREAT OFFENSIVE GAINS

Infantry Advances Steadily on Front of From 25 to 30 Miles.

SOME THOUSAND AUSTRIANS

HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE PRISONERS.

The Fighting Is Heaviest On Hills Behind Gorizia Where the Heavy Italian Guns Are Particularly Effective.

(Special to the Whig) Rome, May 16.—Italy's great offensive is gaining ground. Over a front of from 25 to 30 miles Italian guns are roaring to-day, while the infantry is steadily advancing.

Several thousand Austrian prisoners have already been sent behind the lines, according to word received here to-day.

The fighting was reported very heavy on the hills behind Gorizia, where it appears that the greatest force of the Italians' drive has been launched. There the Italian heavy caliber guns are said to be particularly effective. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the enemy by this fire.

MADE A BIG LOAN

United States Government Has Helped Russia.

(Special to the Whig) Washington, May 16.—The United States Government today loaned one hundred millions to Russia. While rumored for some weeks as being under way, the loan today came as a distinct surprise. It is believed the sudden decision to lend immediately financial aid to bolster up the provincial government. It is understood a considerable portion of the immense loan will be spent in the United States for railroad supplies, now urgently needed by Russia.

ANOTHER MINISTER RESIGNS

The Foreign Minister Has Been Under Fire.

(Special to the Whig) Petrograd, May 16.—Paul N. Milukoff, foreign minister, resigned his post today. Milukoff has been under heavy fire from the Soldiers and Workmen's Council ever since he announced that the provincial government had approved all existing treaties and contracts entered into by the former regime with the Allies. M. Kerenky, an extreme socialist, was being appointed war minister. M. Tortschenka, formerly minister of finance, was named in Milukoff's place, as foreign minister. Kerenky was the former minister of justice.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE

In England From Canada—Some From Eastern Ontario.

(Special to the Whig) Ottawa, May 16.—Arrival of the following Canadian troops in England is officially announced: 196th, 223rd and 200th battalions from the west; 240th Lanark and forestry drafts, 177th Simcoe, 235th Northumberland, 182 Ontario County, 208th Toronto Irish, 245th Montreal, and sundry Artillery, Engineers, Forestry, Army Service, Cyclists, Flying Corps and Naval ratings from eastern and western Ontario and other parts.

It's Surely Missing.

(Special to the Whig) Amsterdam, May 16.—Official admission that the Zeppelin L-22 has been missing since Monday was made in Berlin despatches to-day.

The L-22 was destroyed in the North Sea by British patrol vessels, according to the British Admiralty statement issued Monday.

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GEN. PETAIN Named generalissimo of the French armies with supreme command of the forces in the field.

LORDS SAY IT'S LAWFUL

TO SUBVERT CHRISTIANITY BY SINCERE METHODS

The Decision Given—Legacy Left To Secular Society Held to Be Perfectly Valid.

London, May 16.—The House of Lords yesterday decided in an unusually interesting case relating to the predominant control of Christianity on British law. By a majority vote of law lords of 4 to 1 the House decided that the Christian religion could be subverted legally by reverent and sincere methods. The case was as follows:

A legacy was left to a secular society limited to a main subject, which was "to promote the principle that human conduct should be based upon natural knowledge, and not supernatural belief. Also that human welfare in this world is the proper end of all thought and action."

The trial court also the Court of Appeals, upheld the validity of the bequest.

The contention was that the company existed for the purpose of subverting the Christian religion, and was therefore an illegal corporation. The Lord Chancellor ruled that Christianity was part of the law of the land, and a change could be effected only by a statute, and not by legal decision. He thought the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Dunsedin held that the object of the society could be followed without incurring the crime of blasphemy. No other statute was called in question.

Lord Parker agreed with the quotation from Justice Coleridge that "there is nothing unlawful in the common law in reverently doubting or denying the doctrines of Christianity, however fundamental."

Lord Sumner said with all respect to the great names of the lawyers who had used a phrase, "Christianity is part of the law of England," it was not really law, only rhetoric.

Lord Buckmaster said the common law did not render criminal the mere propagation of doctrines of hostile Christian faith. Crime consisted in the manner in which the doctrines were advocated. The legacy was held to be valid, and the appeal was dismissed.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND

Former Montreal Girl Weds Canadian Officer.

London, May 16.—The marriage took place yesterday of Margery, daughter of David A. Starr, formerly of Halifax and Montreal, and now of Glasgow, Scotland, to Lieut. John Manson, of Huron street, Toronto. Lieut. Manson is in the wireless service of the Canadian Engineers. The bride was a nurse at the Perkins Bull hospital here, and met her husband when he was brought to that institution, wounded, from France. The patients from the hospital presented the couple with a silver tray.

ALLIES ASK FOR GRAIN

Call on U.S. for 600,000,000 Bushels This Year.

Washington, May 16.—During the food debate yesterday Senator Gronna declared the Allies had called on the United States to furnish 600,000,000 bushels of grain this year. He did not state the source of his information on the Senate floor, but privately, to senators, he established its authenticity.