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LAST EDITION

GERMANS OUT OF BULLECOURT

St Douglas Haig's Troops Complete the Capture of the Village.

NEW RETIREMENT AT HAND

DESPERATE COUNTER-ATTACKS PRELUDE FURTHER RETREAT.

Enormous Casualties Have Been Suffered by the Enemy in Assaults Against the French Lines.

London, May 18.—After days of most intensive fighting, in which the position several times changed hands and men fell in hundreds in attacks and counter-attacks, the British forces have at last driven the Germans out of the village of Bullecourt and once more are threatening the southern end of the Droocourt-Queant line, which Field Marshal von Hindenburg constructed to defend Cambrai from the eastward advance of Field Marshal Haig's army.

Thousands of fresh German troops recently have been thrown into the fray around Bullecourt, but their efforts have gone for naught in endeavoring to drive out the British from the entire village. Although several times the line has been bent by the preponderance of weight of the German formations, at no time have the British been forced to evacuate, holding here and there fringes of the outskirts and keeping back the Teutons until their elements were reformed with sufficient strength to drive in effective counter-attacks and regain their lost territory.

Likewise to the east of Arras, around the village of Arras, around the village of Roeux, the battle has been waged with a viciousness scarcely ever before seen, and here also the British have been successful against the Germans.

Although the forces of the German Crown Prince have renewed with extreme violence their attacks against the French north-east of Solesmes in the sector of the Mount-d'Auffaux and Braye-en-Launois—three of them against each position—they were again repulsed by the French artillery and infantry, suffering enormous casualties.

Rain Hampers Operations (Special to the Whig.) London, May 18.—The weather has been rainy, hampering big operations during the last two days, according to British front despatches today. Field Marshal Haig's official report today bore out this indication of inactivity. He said: "North east of Arras, two hostile raiding parties were beaten off early in the night." No mention was made of further fighting at Bullecourt or elsewhere on the Hindenburg line.

Berlin Admits Loss. Berlin, via London, May 18.—"The ruins of the former village of Bullecourt were evacuated according to command and without disturbance from the enemy, who established himself there twenty-four hours later," explained today's official statement. The War Office reported the repulse, in hand-to-hand fighting, of a British attack on the Gavrelles-Frenes Road, made after midnight.

French Repulse German Attacks. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 18.—Persistent German attacks on the northeastern

slope of Craonne were repulsed by French grenade fire, today's official statement reported. In Champagne the War Office said there was considerable artillery activity. In Lorraine, French reconnaissances penetrated German lines.

GIVE YACHTS FOR THE MOSQUITO FLEET

Thousand Island Owners Shipping Pleasure Craft to New York For Service.

Watertown, N.Y., May 18.—Several Thousand Island yachts and fast motor boats are being shipped to New York, where they will be put into the mosquito fleet service as submarine chasers.

Commodore Greene, owner of a summer home at Watch Island, has offered two boats to the Government and the offer has been accepted. One of the boats, a small speed motor boat, the Highball, has already been shipped to New York. The other is a pleasure yacht, the Verd, which is now being prepared for transportation.

The boat will make the trip under its own power up the St. Lawrence River to Oswego and through the Oswego and Erie canals to the Hudson and down the Hudson to New York. It will be in charge of Capt. Aldridge Kendall.

A number of other summer visitors at the islands have offered their boats to the Government, and are preparing them for transportation to New York or Boston as desired.

THREE VESSELS SUNK

During the Week Which Ended on May 18th. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 18.—Only three French merchantmen were sunk by submarines in the week ended May 13th, according to an official announcement to-day. During that period 952 vessels entered French ports and 991 departed.

War Tidings.

Italian troops have captured the town of Dulino. A number of Japanese gunboats have arrived at Marseilles to aid in the war on German submarines and convoy French merchantmen. If the experiment has satisfactory results it will be extended. While German soldiers are endeavoring to fraternize with Russian revolutionaries all along the frontier, German aeroplanes have been engaged in killing Russian workmen and others at Killa, at the mouth of the Danube.

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RUMORS OF A TRUCE

Being Arranged Between Russia and the Central Powers. (Special to the Whig.) London, May 18.—According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam it is rumored at the Hague that a truce is about to be arranged between Russia and the Central Powers as a result of the political changes at Petrograd. The rumor is characterized as of German origin. A Petrograd despatch says it is announced officially that the ministerial crisis has not yet been solved.

Discredited in London. London, May 18.—Today's story of a truce between Russia and Germany is discredited here.

The first 500,000 men under the new selective service bill will not be called under about September 1st.

THE DUKE INSPECTS CANADIANS.



Canada has added another page to the glorious records of the war. The part played by Canadians in the fighting at Vimy Ridge is not likely to be forgotten by the Mother Country. The men seen here are hard at work on physical drill—they are men of the same brawn and brain as the men who won at Vimy. The Duke of Connaught told them of his deep interest in Canadians.

THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY GIVEN

Despatches That Come From Near And Distant Places.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

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

The Canadian casualties since April 1st total 19,454. The Ulster Unionists will not accept Lloyd George's scheme for a convention of Irishmen.

The Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Brooke, died to-day at Cirencester. He was 53 years old. Registration day for service under the U.S. war army bill will be made this afternoon for patriotic demonstrations all over the country.

The Office of Works, London, in outlining work to be done after the war, hazards the guess that peace will be declared in July, August or September of next year.

At Dallas, Tex., Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman of Jamaica, N.Y., was on Thursday afternoon elected moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly in the United States of America.

It will require between thirty and sixty days after President Wilson signs the army bill to bring the National Guard into the federal army under the draft provisions of the national defense act.

The House of Representatives on Thursday increased by 25 per cent. all surtaxes on incomes between \$80,000 and \$1,000,000, and put a 45 per cent. tax on the amount by which all incomes exceeding \$1,000,000.

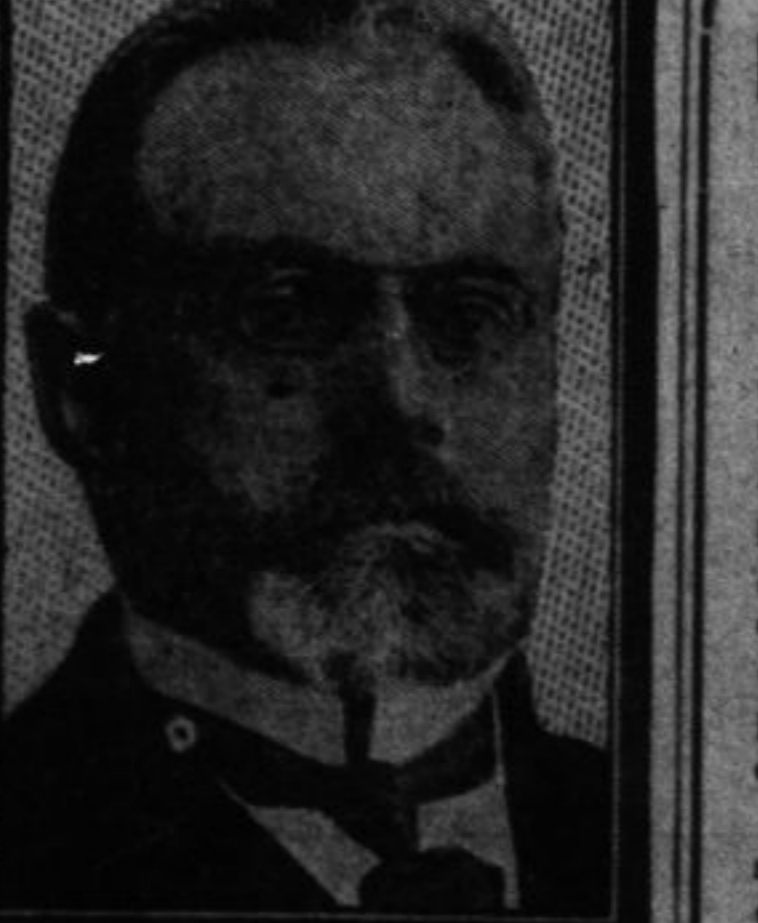
ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

Lieut. Hal Brown Dies in Montreal—Twice Wounded. Montreal, May 18.—Lieut. Harold (Hal) Brown, twice wounded at the front and lately appointed to the Pensions Board in Montreal, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen in his room at 245 Bishop street, and died in the General Hospital.

Lieut. Brown was formerly a newspaper man and it was typical of his training that he remarked to his brother just before he died: "This is not murder and it's not suicide, it's just pure accident—the trigger caught and my revolver went off."

RUSSIAN MINISTER WHO RESIGNED.

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WILL NOT PROCLAIM FARMERS' LOAN ACT To be Delayed Indefinitely Owing to Condition of Money Market.

Toronto, May 18.—Hon. J. B. Lucas, Attorney-General, declared yesterday that the proclamation of the Act passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature, authorizing the granting of Government loans to farmers upon the security of permanent improvements, will be delayed indefinitely because of the condition of the money market, which has developed since the entry of the United States into the war. The efforts of the United States Government to provide moneys in large amounts for the Allies has practically closed the American money market to outside borrowers, and it is the opinion of the Attorney-General that farmers can borrow money locally at better rates than could be secured by the Government on the money market under prevailing conditions.

"This condition, however, is not likely to be permanent," added the Attorney-General, "and the Act will be proclaimed and put into effect immediately as the financial situation develops to a point of betterment, which will warrant the flotation, by the Government, of a loan large enough to care for the demands for financial assistance which will follow the proclamation of the Act."

The arrangement whereby farmers may secure loans up to \$200 for the sole purchase of seed is not affected by the international situation, as adequate provisions have been made with the Bankers' Association to facilitate the issuance of such loans through local branch banks direct to farmers throughout the province.

MOURNED BY THOUSANDS

British and French Representatives at Choate Funeral. New York, May 18.—A host of distinguished men, representative of both public and private life of this country, and of the entente allies, assembled at St. Bartholomew's Church to honor the late Joseph H. Choate.

At the personal charge of King George, the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, was present as the special representative of the Crown, and Foreign Minister Balfour was represented by one of his private secretaries, M. Hovelacque.

Minister of Public Instruction of France, represented the French War Commission, and Jules J. Jusserand the Ambassador, represented France. Ambassador Spring-Rice was an honorary pall-bearer, as were J. P. Morgan and Mayor Mitchell.

HAD TO GIVE BAIL.

Charge is Plotting Against British in India. Chicago, May 18.—Albert Wehde, recently arrested in Honolulu and brought to Chicago in connection with an alleged plot to promote a revolution against the British Government in India, was freed to-day on bonds of \$25,000 approved by the United States District Court.

Russia Soon Ready For the Conflict

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 18.—Encouraging news that Russia had settled her domestic troubles, and that the Russian army's power is by no means lost, gave ground for the belief here to-day that the Allies can soon count on Russia bearing her part in the general onslaught on Germany.

The prediction was voiced in several quarters to-day that Germany will soon find the necessity of hurrying back to the Russian front, if not all the reputed 600,000 men she is recently reported to have withdrawn from those sectors to bolster up her dwindling lines on the west front.

BEAT OFF U-BOAT

Seeking to Attack White Star Liner Adriatic. (Special to the Whig.) London, May 18.—In their first engagement with the enemy submarines, American destroyers beat off a German U-boat which sought to attack the White Star liner Adriatic, according to the London Chronicle today. The Adriatic was conveyed over a certain distance by the American vessels on their way to Queenstown.

Mercury at 93 in West. Brandon, May 18.—Crop experts declare there has never been a more favorable May in the history of wheat growing in this district than the present month. The thermometer has (93 degrees) Wednesdays deferred and following high damage.

LORD DERBY CALLS FOR A BIG BLOW If United States Delivers It Will Help to End the War.

Special to the Whig by Lowell Market. London, May 18.—"This war will not be over until the full weight of the United States has been thrown into the scales; not until America begins making war as though she alone faced Germany will there be a possibility of predicting when the end will come."

So spoke Lord Derby, England's Secretary-of-State-for-War, Kitchener's successor, today, and then he added emphatically: "The bigger the blow the United States is able to deliver—the sooner she delivers it—the quicker will the war end and the new order of things be assured."

"Germany has reached—if not passed—the crest of her military strength. She knows every day she is weaker by so many men."

"She is ready to quit—on her own terms. She is ready to fight a long, long time yet before accepting the terms that the world's democracy demands to safeguard the future."

"It has been and still will be a terrible fight. Lord Kitchener, sitting in this very chair, said it would be a long war, and he was right."

FRENCH CO-OPERATING

With the British in the Advance on Jerusalem. London, May 18.—French troops are co-operating with the British for the advance on Jerusalem, which is to be resumed presently.

Reports from Constantinople say that the Grand Vizier is on the way to Berlin, where he will seek the aid of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria in defending the sacred places in Palestine. It is not known whether or not his mission will be successful.

Reports continue to come from Palestine telling of the Turkish persecution of the Jews. Hundreds of young Jews have been driven from Jerusalem and scattered over a wide territory, with the deliberate intention of forcing them to starve or succumb to sickness.

The most reliable information does not hesitate to picture the misery of these people as worse than anything else so far reported. Even the massacres of the Armenians pale before the latest outrages perpetrated by religious fanatics. Wherever the Jews have attempted to defend their homes in the Holy City they have been taken out and hanged, their homes pillaged and all property of value taken and the remainder burned.

PEOPLE SICK OF WAR.

Bulgarians Would Welcome Peace, Says Socialist. Copenhagen, via London, May 18.—Bulgarian Socialists who passed through Copenhagen on their way to the Stockholm conference described the demand for peace in Bulgaria as virtually universal. The people, they said, were weary of the almost continuous war since 1912 and anxious for a return to peaceful pursuits. They hailed joyfully every sign of a weakening in the war fever.

Dr. Sakaroff, spokesman for the delegation, said a majority of the Bulgarians went willingly into the first war against Turkey in 1912, into the second war in 1913 against Serbia and Greece unwillingly, and were fairly dragged into the present world-war. Bulgaria's debt, he added, had increased threefold.

Dr. Sakaroff was unwilling to give figures concerning the casualties in the war, but said Bulgaria's losses had been frightful. Many of the Socialist party's best men had fallen, he declared.

GERMANS LURE SHIPS

To Destruction by Sending Up Rockets. Christiansa, May 18.—Ships' crews which have arrived at Norwegian ports the last few days state that the German submarines now frequently adopt a trick of disguising themselves as fishing boats and lifeboats from wrecked ships. They display flags of distress and send up rockets. Those ships which hasten to their rescue are torpedoed. Many crews are thus sent to the bottom.

In London gasoline for private use is likely to be barred shortly.

TO GO ON MISSION TO RUSSIA

1 BENTLEY MOTT. He is Lieutenant Colonel T. Bentley Mott, one of the three army officers named as members of the United States mission to Russia. He was an aid at the White House during the administration of President Roosevelt. His designation as a member of the mission restores him to active duty from the retired list.

GERMANY MASSES GREATEST ARMY

It Has Ever Used on Western Front Against Allies.

EIGHTY-FOUR DIVISIONS

EMPLOYED IN EFFORT TO STOP ALLIED ADVANCE.

This is Double the Number Used at Verdun—At Least 1,300,000 Men Used by Hindenburg.

With the French Armies in the Field, May 18.—The greatest force of men Germany has ever called into action have been massed on the west front in Hindenburg's effort to stop the Franco-British drive.

Between April 9th and May 11th there were at least 1,260,000 men engaged on the German sides.

Headquarters' estimates to-day, based on careful calculations and evidence obtained from prisoners and scouting raids, showed in the period mentioned that the German commander-in-chief utilized 84 German divisions. Seven of these were engaged twice in the fighting in this month's period.

The greatest previous massing of German forces was around Verdun. The fighting there is probably the nearest comparable to the fierceness of the struggle now progressing in the allied drive. But in the entire year, from February, 1916, to February, 1917, the Germans engaged only fifty-six and a half divisions—about 847,500 men—using fourteen of these twice and six divisions three times.

In a little over a month, therefore, in struggling against the Franco-British drive, Germany has called into action a force almost double the number of fighters she threw into one year's campaign against Verdun. And Verdun was the objective for which she slaughtered men ruthlessly in an effort to gain prestige for the Crown Prince.

Hallebury and Timbaming have been created into a new judicial district, and Gordon H. Hayward of South St. Marie is appointed District Judge.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Annual meeting, Y.W.C.A. 8 p.m. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.

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BORN

HOARE—On May 17th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoare, 150 Stephen street, a son, (William Alfred).

McALLISTER—In Kingston, on May 17th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McAllister, 423 Barris street, a daughter.

MARRIED

KINCH-ALLEN—At Lansdowne, May 16th, 1917, by Rev. E. J. Beckett, Grace Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Steacy, to Alfred Kinch, of this city.

DIED.

FLYNN—In Kingston on May 18th, 1917, Katherine Patricia Flynn, aged 24 months, daughter of William Flynn, Funeral from her late residence, 106 York street, Saturday.

KIMPMON—In Kingston, on May 17th, 1917, Joseph Kimpmon. Funeral from his late residence, 141 Bay street on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to Catawaqui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

Toronto papers please copy.

ROBB—In Kingston, on May 17th, 1917, James Robb, aged 72 years. Funeral from his late residence, Concession street, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Catawaqui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

SMYTH—In Glenburie on May 17th, 1917, June Phair, beloved wife of Joseph G. Smyth, formerly of Gordon Island, in her 71st year. Funeral from the home, Glenburie, Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Familiar Quotations

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul. As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past; Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at last art free, Leaving this overcrowded shell of life's unresting sea. —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French.

Paris, May 17.—"The Germans renewed their attempts in the region north of Mont-de-Laffaux, where we have entirely re-established our lines," says the official communication by the War Office to-night. "Near Focdmont farm an enemy surprise attack failed. "On our part we made appreciable progress east of Craonne, capturing some trench elements in the region of Hill 108, south of Berry-au-Bac. We took a number of prisoners. "Quite violent artillery fighting took place on the Calk'ornie plateau, and there were intermittent artillery actions on the rest of the front."

The afternoon report said:

Russian.

Petrograd, May 17.—Thursday's War Office report said: "On the Russo-Galician and Romanian fronts rifle firing and reconnoitring operations took place. On the Caucasus front, in the region west and south-west of Jalapassova, about 24 miles south-east of Bushnoe, efforts of Turkish scouts to approach our positions were frustrated. A detachment of our frontiersmen and Cossacks was surrounded on May 9 by Kurds in the region of Beamed, 10 miles east of Naar-I-Shirah (on the Persian frontier). After a battle of nine hours our men cut their way through. Our casualties were 15 men killed and several wounded. On the remainder of the front there were fusillades and scouting reconnaissances."

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