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The Germans Have Made Repeated Assaults to Get Through

IN THE SOISSONS REGION

FIGHTING IS NOW GOING ON IN VEZILLY NEIGHBORHOOD.

Which is Eighteen Miles South of Chemin Des Dames—It is Said the Evacuation of Rheims Will Soon be Announced.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, May 30.—The Germans made repeated attempts to break through the defence in the Soissons region, but were each time held up by determined French resistance. In the centre of the German advance the fighting is taking place in neighborhood of Vezilly (approximately eighteen miles south of Chemin des Dames, where the German attack was launched on Monday).

May Evacuate Rheims.

The Allied troops covering Rheims have been pressed back to a point northwest of the famous city, and it is probable that its evacuation will soon be announced. The civilian population of Soissons left some days ago. On Monday the enemy fired 1,200 shells into the town. Patients in the hospitals were moved by American light cars, the nurses staying with them to the last. To the east the Franco-British armies are holding fast on the Brouiller, Savigny and Tilloy line. At the point of the greatest advance the German armies are some fifty miles northeast of Paris. The fighting is of the most sanguinary nature along the whole front. Heavy casualties are being suffered by the army of the German crown prince, while the losses of men to the Allied forces are described as relatively light.

Roads Full of Reserves.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 30.—In their initial onslaught the Germans are believed to have used more tanks than ever before, says a Reuter's correspondent with the British forces on the Franco-British front. The 50th British Division, near Rheims, witnessed a gas attack of three hours and held the Germans until the men were drowned under German bombs. The same fate overtook the French division on the night of the Fifteenth. After falling back the Fifteenth made a gallant attempt to recapture Craonne but was defeated by machine gun fire from enemy tanks. In the end the Fifteenth was obliged to fall back toward the river. The roads from villages captured or endangered are filled with wounded and refugees seeking shelter and reserves marching to the front line. Preceding the reserves are French cavalry, and behind them are guns. There is no panic among the refugees.

Little to Record.

(Canadian Press Despatch) With the British Army in France, May 30.—Last night produced no big infantry action along the British front in Flanders. By minor operations west of Merris the British advanced a section of the line about 200 yards. Beyond this there was little to record.

French Command Very Confident.

Paris, May 30.—The German drive is not yet completely stopped, but nowhere were our lines broken. All parts of the front remain solid, and the Germans have obtained nothing to be compared with what took place in the first days of the March offensive, all critics assert. Liberte says that the high French command is absolutely convinced it can overcome the serious difficulties which it has to meet. Its confidence is founded on the power of its resources and the morale of its army, which remains intact. The Temps says that in the face of the formidable and tragic battle France has no fear for the future, and stands erect in the confidence that the Allied cause will triumph over the methods of terrorism of an enemy devoid of nobility of soul. Weariness or mourning cannot turn the nation away from its sacred duty.

On Saturday the Duke of Devonshire will pay a visit of inspection to the Aerial Gunnery School at Beamsville, and in that connection a squadron of ten airplanes will leave Ontario and fly across Lake Ontario to Beamsville, a distance of between forty and fifty miles. Sir Henry Wood, a cable despatch states, has declined the offer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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WORLD ASKED TO STOP "WHITE TERRORISM."

Which is Taking Place in Finland—70,000 Are Brutally Treated.

London, May 30.—A Russian wireless despatch says the central committee of Finnish workmen protests against the "white terrorism" of Finland, and states that 70,000 citizens, the majority of them social democrats, including 30,000 civilians, have been imprisoned and brutally treated. The ghastly wholesale slaughter of prisoners was commenced by Finnish troops, assisted by Germans. In one day 158 women prisoners were killed. Many Sisters of Mercy of the Red Guard were killed without trial. Field courts-martial are still condemning persons to death en masse, although the civil war is over. The Finnish proletariat calls out to the civilized world in the name of humanity to stop this mad "white terrorism."

TWISTED AND TURNED OVER

And Patted on the Back at the Succeeding Conference.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, May 30.—Sitting in emphatic tones that it would haunt him on his dying bed to think that he was going to be "twisted and turned over and patted on the back at the succeeding annual conference," Rev. E. R. Kelly, Catharqui, Ont., appealed to the ministerial meeting of the annual Methodist Conference, this morning, to abandon the practice of pronouncing eulogies after the reading of obituaries of ministers deceased during the previous year. "Men are dying by thousands," he said, "and yet we adhere to the old custom of spending the time saying nice things. It was all very well for our forefathers when they were a little band of warriors fighting together against heavy odds, but it does not belong to the present day." The discussion arose out of the fact that the late Dr. E. Mavey, of this city, left a written request that no eulogy be pronounced after the reading of his obituary. It was finally resolved by the meeting to respect his wish but to pronounce eulogy in other cases.

A paper on after the war problems in Christian life was read by the Rev. G. W. McCall, Rev. J. W. P. Macfarlane leading in the discussion that followed.

A CHINAMAN TO HANG.

He Committed a Brutal Murder at Parry Sound.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Parry Sound, Ont., May 30.—The thrice postponed trial of Jung Sam, Chinese laundryman, who murdered his employer, Wong Jew, in a very brutal fashion about a year ago, was concluded last night, when the jury convicted him and he was sentenced by Judge Rose to be hanged on Aug. 23rd. The case was somewhat celebrated from the fact that a prominent alienist doctor from Toronto differed as to whether the defendant was an imbecile or responsible for his actions. Two separate juries decided that he was.

VILLANOUS GERMANS KEPT UP BOMBARDMENT

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, May 30.—Although the British Government has promised not to carry out air raids to-day, Feast of Corpus Christi, on German cities which are not in the vicinity of the front, the German long range gun resumed an earlier hour than usual. This day is specially celebrated by children's processions.

DANISH WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

First Rigsdag Assemblies at Copenhagen Under New Constitution.

Copenhagen, May 30.—Denmark's first Rigsdag assembled under the new constitution giving equal suffrage to men and women was formally opened Tuesday by King Christian in the new Christiansborg Palace, on the site of the old palace burned 34 years ago. Interest was added by the presence for the first time of the nine women members. The address from the throne emphasized the Government's intention to continue its policy of strict neutrality, expressed confidence that the Iceland question would be amicably adjusted, and referred with satisfaction to the co-operation of the Scandinavian countries.

BASEBALL RECORD, WEDNESDAY

Table with 3 columns: League, Team, Score. Includes National League (Philadelphia 5, New York 2, Boston 3, Brooklyn 0), American League (New York 7, Philadelphia 2, Boston 4, Washington 2, Cleveland 4, Detroit 1), International League (Rochester 13, Syracuse 7, Baltimore 4, Binghamton 2, Buffalo 4, Toronto 0).

RECENT GERMAN DRIVE INCREASED THE DURVEA WAR RELIEF WORK



The materials sent to the stricken districts of Northern France by the Durvea War Relief have been unusually welcome to the destitute civilian population since the German drive. The aged men and women and children who have slept in shell craters received the beds and bedding recently distributed with rejoicing. The supplies are being distributed by volunteer workers and German prisoners detailed by the French military authorities, all under direction of Mrs. Nina Larré Durvea, founder and president of the society.

SYNOD SESSION MADE LIVELY

By Discussion in Paying Rent For Office in St. George's Hall.

OBJECTION WAS RAISED

BY CANON FITZGERALD TO THE PROPOSAL.

As Synod Had Loaned the Cathedral \$50,000 At Four Per Cent.—Other Business Before the Synod.

The report of the special committee appointed by synod to confer with the finance committee of St. George's Cathedral, regarding the re-adjustment of the rental of the synod office at St. George's Hall, brought forth a fiery address at the Thursday morning session by Canon W. P. Fitzgerald, who very strongly opposed the adoption of the report, which was, however, carried on the vote being called. The special committee appointed by synod was composed of the Chancellor, Francis King and Canon Bedford-Jones. The latter presented the report, which recommended that in view of the increased costs of upkeep and increase in taxes in the city of Kingston, that the synod pay a rental of \$400 per annum for the synod office.

Eighty-three Met Death.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 30.—By the sinking of the British transport Leasowe Castle in the Mediterranean by a submarine, thirteen military officers and seventy-nine of other ranks were lost.

At Ottawa Lady Violet Henderson was found guilty of an infraction of the traffic regulations.

COULD NOT GET IN.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, May 30.—German airplanes were not able to penetrate the French defence in an attempt to raid Paris last night. Several points behind the battle line, however, were bombed by the enemy. One German machine was brought down.

POCKET MAY PROVE DEATH TRAP TO HUNS

The Crown Prince's Drive Has The Earmarks of Gigantic Life or Death Gamble.

London, May 30.—Unless the Germans can pour through the hole which they have cut into the Allied front sufficient troops to roll up the Franco-British flanks before Foch's reserves take a hand, the deep pocket in which the German centre now rests may become a death trap. The Kaiser's heir is "stuck" on both flanks and if he cannot shake off the Franco-British "shackles" there is but one alternative that of pouring mass after mass through the narrow front of the apparent break through. The Crown Prince's drive has all the earmarks of a gigantic life or death gamble. Perhaps nothing could so hearten the Allied troops at this moment of supreme trial as the news of splendid success by the Yankees who are entrusted with an important sector of the front where the Germans are known to have a powerful force collected, and where even now a major offensive by Hindenburg against the coveted Amiens is believed to be brewing.

War Tidings.

The United States army on Wednesday took over a 2,000-bed hospital in England for American wounded. It is to be operated by an American medical staff of 150 nurses, 50 doctors and 300 orderlies.

MEMORIAL DAY

Observed as Time of Humiliation, Prayer and Fasting. (Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, May 30.—Memorial Day this year, carrying a deeper meaning because of the fuller participation because of the new American graves in France, was observed to-day by the American people as a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, in accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson issued in response to a resolution of Congress.

Allied Reserves Thrown Into The Battle

(Canadian Press Despatch) With the French Army in France, May 30.—Allied reserves are now taking up positions in the battle line. They are being thrown in to strengthen the defending forces where they are weakest in preparation for placing of a barrier to further the German advance.

Fresh enemy divisions have been brought forward hastily to take the place of those exhausted by the advance of the last three days and to continue pressure on the Allies. The territory south of Vesle river, which the Germans have crossed at several points, is more difficult for attack. Now that the Allied command has reached the conclusion that the enemy intends this rush to be his chief attack, prompt measures are being taken to slay the movement.

Found a Scholarship.

At the closing session of the synod of the Diocese of Ontario on Thursday morning Canon R. McDonald announced that Mrs. Leonard Mills had written to him stating her wish and intention to found a scholarship to assist in the education of candidates. (Continued on Page 6.)

BRITISH CROP OUTLOOK FINE

The Total Tillage in Grains the Highest in History.

OVER FOUR MILLION ACRES

UNDER CULTIVATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Net Saving in Shipping Tonnage Owing to Increased Production Should Amount to 1,500,000 Tons.

London, May 30.—The present condition of crops in the United Kingdom is very promising, and gives reasonable hope of at least an average yield, according to an interim report published by the Director-General of Food Production yesterday. It is indicated that the total tillage area in the United Kingdom for the year 1917-18, will be well over 4,000,000 acres, with the highest acreage under wheat, barley, and oats ever recorded in the history of British agriculture. The acreage under potatoes will be greatest since 1872.

Assuming that after deducting seed and light corn, the entire wheat and barley crop, one-fifth of the oats crop, and one-quarter of the potato crop could be made available for bread flour in case of need, these figures mean that the harvest of the United Kingdom in 1918, could provide a forty-weeks' supply for the entire population at the present scale of consumption, and one the existing basis of milling.

Reckoned in tonnage, the net saving in shipping, resulting from increased production of corn and potatoes in England and Wales alone, should amount in the coming year to 1,500,000 tons.

During the year 1918-19, the United Kingdom, it is added, will be self-supporting in breadstuffs for four-fifths of the year, as compared with one-quarter of the year in 1917-18 and one one-fifth of the year in 1916-17.

Will Supply Demand For Wood.

Victoria, B.C., May 30.—Within two months there will be secured in the Province of British Columbia every month sufficient spruce logs for the production of aeroplanes to meet the maximum demand of the Imperial authorities. By the end of July the difference between log recovery six months ago will be approximately thirty to one.

Filtering By-Law Carries Amherstburg, May 30.

Amherstburg, May 30.—Voting on the proposal of the Brunner Mond, Canada, Ltd., to supply Amherstburg with purified filtered water created a great deal of interest yesterday, the largest vote in the history of the town in the matter of by-laws being recorded. The vote was as follows: 280 for and 125 against; majority in favor of by-law 154.

A NEW STORY COMING.

On Saturday the Whig will begin the publication of another good serial story, "The Spoils," by Rex Beach. This is a story of that great north country, of which it has been said: "There's never a law of God or man runs north of fifty-three"; a tale of impetuous emotion, of brutal strength and courage, of swift and passionate love and hate; a tale vigorous, forceful and absorbing. The scene is located in Nome during the days of the gold rush, when the first instalment of this gripping story on Saturday next.

More Cigarettes Smoked.

Ottawa, May 30.—Canadians smoked last year over three hundred million more cigarettes than the year previous. Whether this is due to the addition of women to the habit or the increase in smoking among soldiers is not explained.

Weather throughout western Canada is fine and warm.

Temperatures are rising rapidly, and conditions are very favorable for the crops.

KAISER AIMS HIGH, HIS FALL TO BE LOW

While Hun Offensive Involves Grave Menace, German Disaster Will be Great.

London, May 30.—Observers here are agreed that the new offensive involves grave menace to the forces of freedom, but only the faint-hearted undue anxiety. It is recalled that the German purpose is a larger one than that which actuated the Kaiser's command in the opening stages of the war. It is perceived that the German armies are hoping not only to crush France as a preliminary to conclusive operations against the British, but to crush America in France.

It is a big aim, and incurs for the armies of Kaiseristic ambition efforts in proportion, if the first military authorities on the Allied side here and in France may be trusted, these efforts never will be realized, but finally will bring the Kaiser's armies and the Kaiser's dreams to a common disaster.

PAN-HUNS PROPOSE, BUT ALLIES DISPOSE

German Peace Demands Wilder Than Ever, But Noise Can't Win War.

Washington, May 30.—The Pan-Germans have broken loose again and set forth the most drastic peace terms yet proposed, official reports to this Government show. Here is what they demand: Permanent retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland, Livonia, Esthonia, and the Baltic Provinces, wrested from Russia. Belgium must remain permanently in German hands, overseas colonies must be returned, and a "war indemnity" commensurate with the enormous sacrifices and losses of our people is vital. They also demand that France cede the rich ore basin of Lingy and Briey.

GIRL DROVE LOGS

Now In Jail for Vagrancy and Posing as Man.

Quebec, May 30.—"Venus" Cote, a sturdy lass living at Rimouki, Que., is in the toils because she posed as a man, had her hair cut in military style, and went as far as donning man's attire and working in the log driving bee for the Chaleur Bay Pulp Company, at Restigouche. "Venus" was in jail at Rimouki, but she escaped last week. After a wide-spread search for her through the bush and open country, a posse of sheriffs' deputies and volunteers located her, hair shorn, in a barn at Ste. Angèle de Morici, and she was brought back to Rimouki, where she will serve her term on a charge of vagrancy and of impersonating a man. She is 23 years old. She says she drove logs all spring in men's clothing and was not detected till she was given away by a comrade on a spree, when the gang struck the civilized world after the log-driving season.

Reserves Made Forced Marches.

The reserves concentrated a hundred kilometers north of Rheims were rushed to the front Sunday night in forced marches. Hugs forces of German reserves apparently remain in the Montdidier bulge, within striking distance of the Amiens front or the Soissons-Rheims sector. There is reason to believe these are backed by tremendous quantities of material of all sorts and guns of all calibres, held in places where they can easily be swung to the westward or southward.

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Acadia University Honors.

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GERMANS MOVE INTO SOISSONS

French Evacuated the Town After Desperate Fighting in Streets.

RHEIMS IS NOW IN DANGER

BUT THE ALLIED RESERVES MAY HOLD UP DRIVE.

The Offensive Front Now Covers 186 Miles—The Americans Have Repulsed All German Attacks.

London, May 30.—After desperate resistance and fighting in the streets lasting several hours, the French have evacuated Soissons, and the Germans have occupied the town. Berlin now claims a total of 25,000 prisoners, including one British and one French general. Rheims is reported in great danger. All counter-attacks against the Americans who captured Cantigny yesterday have been repulsed. The enemy counter-attack on the new American positions was met by the allied gunners with a hurricane of fire. Waves of German infantrymen were stopped dead and thrown back, leaving large numbers of killed or wounded on the ground.

Battle Depends Upon Reserves.

While the Germans have made progress, it cannot be repeated too often that the question of gaining or losing ground enters little into the present campaign. The fate of the battle depends upon the manoeuvres of the reserves.

Ludendorff no doubt intends to drive a wedge through the Franco-British lines, midway between Soissons and Rheims.

The Germans apparently have engaged a minimum of twenty-five divisions, before which the French and British in the front lines are putting up a dogged resistance, in order to permit reserves to intervene and turn the tide.

The German attack in the Soissons-Rheims sector extended the offensive front from Rheims to the Flanders mountains, until now it constitutes a battle area 200 kilometres, (125 miles) across. There is every indication that the present attack is an integral part of the original German offensive plan.

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