

### Cannot Stop British Advance

The Germans have been their dead before the British but have failed to stop the advance. The main force of sustained counter-attacks withered before the heavy British artillery, and the of the Hindenburg line grew slowly but without halt.

The tremendous efforts of Field Marshal von Hindenburg stem the tide of victory was steadily setting against them have given the battle of Arras an appearance of a lull and flow, but the net result is that the most violent efforts of the Germans to regain the initiative have failed. Possibly more ominous for Ber-

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in view of the wobbly condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow struck by Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front and with apparently greater forces than at any other previous operation. The Isco, a turbulent mountain stream bordered by mountains and cliffs, is in their hands for a distance of 15 to 20 miles north of Gorizia. Gen. Cadorna appears to plan a great flanking movement against the Corzo plateau, nature's great rampart defending Trieste. The operation is, however, in too early a stage to permit judgment of its exact import.

The allied offensive in Macedonia continues with considerable successes for the British forces, but the fighting is on such an extended front and so sporadic in character that its meaning is obscure.

Reports from Bulgaria of nation-wide discontent and weariness of the war may be significant in connection with General Sarrail's campaign.

The Russian factions have patched up a truce, but the outcome

is still dubious. The new resignations of General Gurk Brusiuff is now supplemented by a disquieting rumor that General Alexeff, Russian command chief, and generally credited as her most brilliant strategist, is about to abandon his office. Any event it seems certain that the military way is being taken.

### Deception of Late Russian Ruler

Paris, May 18.—A long account of a secret pact between the Kaiser and Emperor Nicholas and aimed against France is given in the last issue of the Moscow Rasboyoie Slovo to reach Paris. According to the story the existence of the treaty was discovered by Count White in 1905, while the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan were proceeding at Portsmouth.

Count Witte, furious at the deception of the Czar, informed the Kaiser that unless the pact was cancelled he would refuse to countersign the treaty of Portsmouth. As German bankers were interested in a loan to Russia this would hit them hard and, the story goes, rather than have complications in his economic policy, the Kaiser yielded. Neither Emperor, however, ever forgave Count Witte. At the beginning of the war Count Witte communicated the facts to B. Glinsky, editor of the Messenger Historique. He bound the editor to keep the information secret until he, Count Witte, was dead and circumstances warranted the revelation of Nicholas' inconceivable levity or treason, "whichever you like."

### Futile Efforts of Germans

London, May 18, (Bullecourt is at last in British hands, and the Droocourt-Queant line appears doomed. The tremendous sacrifices made by the Germans have proved in vain, and the flames of burning towns behind their lines give color to reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is contemplating another "strategic" retreat. The capture of Bullecourt has brought the British to within two miles of Queant, on the northern side of the famous switch line. Their guns have already encircled it at an equal distance to the south and east, and only a narrow gateway to the northwest lies open to the German garrison. Bullecourt itself, over which such torrents of blood have flowed, stands on a height over-looking a broad valley

which was directly to Queant. It will be the British to establish their position on this height, and the fat Queant seems sealed.

### Coming to The Maritime Provinces

On May 16.—With a \$10,000,000, the B. N. Am. Telephone Company, in its incorporation, merged with the Railway Commission. It is proposed to create a Maritime Provinces D. M. K. and W. B. N. Corporation both urged that the powers ought to be too wide, especially those in securing right of way.

It was explained that the rights of preemptory expropriation are to be exercised only on waste or unsettled lands. The Bill passed after it was said the Union of Municipalities was satisfied with it.

### Woman Shot as a Spy

St. Francisville, Ill., May 15.—Mrs. Katrina Couch, wife of the Rev. James Couch, former pastor of a Christian Church near here, was shot in Germany on Friday morning at sunrise as a spy. Such was the first word Rev. Mr. Couch heard of his wife, through the Swiss Foreign Office, after months of effort to establish communication with her.

Mrs. Couch, who has been near Hamburg, came to this country with her parents when 11 years old and settled near West Salem, Ill. Fifteen years ago her parents returned to Germany. Six years ago Mrs. Couch went alone to visit them. Since that visit she has manifested a growing dislike for Germany and German ways.

She had often intimated that Hohenzollern autocracy was growing so burdensome to the German people that it seemed rebellious. Five years ago her mother died, and six months ago she, with her three children, left for another visit with her aged father, now almost ninety.

The probable circumstances that could have led her to her tragic end Rev. Mr. Couch reasons, is that military censors have intercepted one of her letters to him, in which she has too freely expressed her dislike for Kaiser Wilhelm.

### Two Halls in Dublin Closed

Dublin, May 16.—Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the Irish Transport Workers' Union, and Hibernian Hall, the meeting place of the Irish-American Alliance, have been ordered closed, on the ground that they were used "by persons attempting to cause sedition among the civil population." In the last week Republican flags were flown from these buildings in celebration of the election of a Sinn Feiner as member of Parliament from South Longford.

Of the 130 students from Muhlenberg College, Penn., who recently paraded to the recruiting office in Harrisburg and applied for enlistment, not one asked for a commission.

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No. pupils enrolled 45, percentage 86.08.

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Percentage 85.68.

Perfect attendance 4.—Mary Pringle, Rose Mavor, Doris Hanson, Isadore Stokoe.

Teacher, MARGUERITE V. HANSON.

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No. pupils enrolled 31, percentage 85.89.

Perfect attendance 2.—Dorothy Stockton, Florence Strong.

Teacher, JULIA NEALES.

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No. pupils enrolled 22, percentage 79.34.

Perfect attendance.—Edith Ellis, Blanche Robinson, Helen Pringle.

Principal, G. J. MARK.

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Pupils enrolled 38, average 34.83, percentage 91.66.

Perfect attendance 9.—Frank McKinlay, Byron Carr, Donald Craig, Pearl Manuel, Catherine Mitchell, Kathleen Sutherland, Herbert Knox, Douglas Hall, James Brewer.

##### HELENA MUIRHERNIN, Teacher

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Pupils enrolled 42, percentage 93.4.

Perfect attendance 24.—Eugene Griffiths, Marx McGibbon, Chester McDonald, Jane Sharpe, Marion Upham, Kathleen Bowlin, Reid MacMillan, Gordon Morrison, Helen Craig, Rita McKinley, Douglas Mitchell, Harold Merrythow, Howard McKibbin, Alberta Johnson, Helen McKinley, Douglas Hall, Paul Green, Edwin Parsons, Horace Kenady, Fred McKinley, Clifton Glaw, Fred Estabrook, George Johnson, Verna McKinley.

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