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## Germans on Verdun Front Suffer Enormous Losses

**Fighting of Great Violence Reported Last Night in French  
Official Statement---The Enemy Driven From a Commu-  
nication Trench---Kaiser's Letter to the Pope.**

PARIS, May 8.—After 77 days of battle, the Germans are making a new attack before Verdun, with another formidable army. Fighting almost equal in violence to that of the beginning of March is in progress on both banks of the Meuse. The principal effort of the Germans is being directed against Dead Man's Hill. Following the Napoleonic policy of attempting to turn what cannot be carried by frontal attacks, the Germans, with a whole army corps, made the assault by way of the ravine between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill, seeking to crush in the French line along a front of one and a half miles. The ground there is favorable for the attack and the French commander, aware of the weakness of the position, placed one of his best trained army corps at that place. This corps disposed of the initial attack without ceding any important ground, but the battle is still raging, and according to the latest advices, the result will not be known till some time during the day.

East of the Meuse the Germans delivered four attacks on a front of 2,000 yards, each advance being made by a different Prussian regiment. The fighting there is as fierce as on the other side of the river, and as inconclusive.

### Two German Aeroplanes Brought Down In Region of Verdun by French Airmen

PARIS, May 8.—Fighting of great violence continued last night on the Verdun front. Ferocious German attacks near Hill No. 304 were broken by the French, the War Office announced today. The losses of the Germans are described as extremely heavy. The French attacked east of Hill 304 and drove the Germans from a communication trench, which they penetrated yesterday. East of the Meuse there was a series of night engagements. The Germans were driven from a trench south of Handremont which they occupied yesterday, and thirty men, including two officers, were captured.

Other developments were reported as follows:

"The night passed quietly except in the region of the wood of Remieres and the wood of Joury, to the west of Pont-a-Mousson, where our artillery was very active.

"Two German aeroplanes have been brought down as the result of aerial encounters in the region of Verdun. One of them fell not far from Ornnes, and the other, seriously damaged, was compelled to come to land to the south of Azannes."

### The Kaiser Reported to Have Requested The Pope to Arrange for an Armistice

LONDON, May 8.—The correspondent at Rotterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Co. cabled the following today: "On the occasion of the Easter festival, Emperor William sent an autograph letter to Pope Benedict expressing the hope that the Pontiff, with the King of Spain, would be able to construct a scheme with the object of bringing together under the auspicious emblem of the dove and the olive branch, a conference of belligerents for consideration of an immediate armistice, in the fervent hope of securing an early peace, without detriment to the legitimate aspirations of nationalities."

The correspondent says he obtained this information from a circular just issued by the German humanity league. The circular also says considerable significance is attached to the arrival in Rome of envoys from the Kings of Bavaria and Saxony, who had prolonged audiences with Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal secretary of state.

### German Pirates Gave Crew of Swedish Vessel 15 Minutes to Get Into Lifeboats

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 8.—The captain and the crew of eight men of the schooner Harold were landed at Horden on Sunday. They report that their boat was torpedoed on Friday by a German submarine. The crew was given fifteen minutes to get out into the lifeboats, but as the weather was stormy they demanded to be taken aboard the submarine. This was done, and later they were transferred to a passing steamer. There are five sailing vessels named Harold, two Swedish, one Russian, one Norwegian and one Danish. All of them are small craft. The captain of the Swedish steamer Blenda, which has arrived at Holmstad, reports that he met near Hansholm, three Norwegian schooners burning. The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. at Copenhagen. The captain, the correspondent continues, observed a Zeppelin and three German armoured brawlers in the vicinity.

#### FRENCH BARK TORPEDOED.

LONDON, May 8.—The French bark Marie Molinos, 1,946 tons, was sunk by a submarine on May 3. All the eighteen members of her crew have been landed. The Marie Molinos was last reported on her arrival at Nantes, France, on March 24 from Iquique, Chile.

### CASEMENT TO BE ARRAIGNED WEDNESDAY

London, May 8.—Sir Roger Casement, who was arrested on the West coast of Ireland after he had landed from a German ship, with the intention of heading the Sinn Fein revolt, will probably be given a preliminary hearing before a police magistrate on Wednesday. At that time he will be formally charged with high treason and remanded for trial before the Lord Chief Justice on a jury.

Dublin, May 7 (via London, May 8.—John McNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, who disappeared on the day the Irish disturbances began, has been arrested. On the Saturday before the start of the trouble, McNeill sent out a notice postponing indefinitely the parade of volunteers arranged for Easter Sunday.

MacNeill held a high position in the accountant general's office, but resigned to take a professorship in the national university. A large number of looters have been arrested and are being tried in the police courts.

### Birrell's Successor

New York, May 8.—A News Agency despatch from London today says: Lewis Harcourt has been appointed secretary for Ireland to succeed Augustine Birrell, according to reliable authority.

## MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN QUEBEC PLANT CAUSED BIG LOSS

Quebec, May 8.—Fire which broke out last night at Montmagny destroyed the shop of the General Car Machinery Company, which is doing munitions work for the Government.

Price Bros. lumber branch, which is close by, had a close call.

Charles A. Paquet, General Manager and President of the General Car and Machinery Company, whose plants at Montmagny were wiped out by fire last night, stated today to the Canadian Press that the fire was of doubtful origin.

Mr. Paquet says there never was a single fire, forge or anything inflammable in the section of the shop where the fire started.

#### Strangers in Vicinity.

The general manager says further in his statement to the correspondent, that between six and seven yesterday

evening about three hours previous to the fire, neighbors living in the vicinity of the shops, who are fully creditable and whose identity is withheld until the enquiry, say that they saw two men idling about the shops. They were shabbily dressed and no attention was paid to them, as Montmagny sees many a tramp wander along on his way over the I. C. R. tracks.

Work will not be interrupted at the shops, added Mr. Paquet. Of the whole and extensive plant there still remains the latest erected building, where machinery will be installed with all possible haste.

The shops destroyed will not be reconstructed.

A searching inquiry will be conducted jointly by the firm, whose is placed officially at \$300,000, and also by the Federal Intelligence Bureau, to ascertain the supposedly criminal origin of the fire.

### Armand Lavergne's Parting Kick

Quebec, May 8.—In a farewell address to the electors of Montmagny county, whom he has represented for one term at Ottawa and two terms in the Quebec Legislature, Armand Lavergne, the young Nationalist lieutenant of Henri Bourassa, delivered one of his customary eloquent though violent speeches before a large gathering at St. Thomas de Montmagny yesterday afternoon.

Apart from his usual condemnation of Canada's participation in the war and the attitude of the Ontario Legislature on the bilingual question, he made a violent outburst against Messrs Cargrain, Blondin, and Patenaude members of the Borden cabinet, denouncing them as traitors because they did not resign their portfolios when the Government refused to disavow "regulation 17" concerning the Ontario schools.

### Von Buelow To Meet Kaiser

London, May 8.—Prince Von Buelow, former German Imperial Chancellor, has been summoned to headquarters by Emperor William, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from The Hague.

His visit, the despatch adds, is said to be of great political significance.

### Hot Shot at a Public Meeting

London, Ont., May 8.—At a monster public meeting Sunday evening, Capt. Dancy made a furious attack on indiscreet young men who are going across the border at Detroit and other points to escape enlisting. They will be outcasts forever, he declared.

Fathers and mothers are the greatest hindrances to recruiting in Canada today, he said, keeping both their sons and money. Returned soldiers, he charged, are used brutally and heartlessly. After being wounded, they return home and are met by a brass band, given a lunch and next day ignored on the street.

### Case May Reach Jury Late Today

New York, May 8.—The case against Robert Fay, Walter L. Scholz and Paul Daeche, who are charged with conspiracy to destroy ships leaving New York with munitions for the entente Allies, it is expected will be in the hands of the jury late today.

The presentation of testimony is finished, and the summing up by counsel remains.

#### ALBERTA CROPS.

Calgary, Alberta, May 8.—Reports received by a local paper from all parts of the province declare that the crops are nearly all in now.

## TWO COMMERCE RAIDERS REPORTED AT LARGE IN THE WEST ATLANTIC

**Fabre Line Steamer With 40 Americans  
On Board Was Fired Upon---British  
Naval Attache Says Halifax Authori-  
ties Have Been Notified of Incident.**

NEW YORK, May 8.—The steamship Venezia, arriving today from Bordeaux, France, with forty American citizens on board, was fired upon and chased for several hours by two commerce raiders while off the Azores, according to a story related when the vessel docked. Reports had been in circulation for more than a week that at least one sea raider was again operating in the western Atlantic, and the news brought by the Venezia caused alarm in shipping circles.

Captain Boniface and members of the crew of the Venezia were reticent when questioned concerning an attack upon the vessel, but the Americans on board, who were employed in caring for horses transported on the Venezia's last voyage eastward, vouched for the accuracy of the story.

According to these men, the Venezia encountered the commerce raider on April 28, when three days out from Bordeaux. The hostile craft, they said, loomed up without any flag showing, and bore down upon the Venezia. The raider signalled to the Venezia to slow down, but Captain Boniface's answer was an order for full speed ahead. As the Venezia started to bear away, according to the story told, a shot passed over her. This was followed by another, which dropped close to the Venezia. Before a third shot was fired, the Venezia had increased the distance between her and the raider, so that the effort to over-haul proved unsuccessful.

It was said the raiders probably were merchantmen which had been converted into auxiliary cruisers. One carried two funnels and the other one funnel.

### BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE AT WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE REPORT

NEW YORK, May 8.—Captain Guy Gaunt, naval attache of the British Embassy at Washington, today investigated the report that two German commerce raiders, accompanied by two submarines, are operating in trans-Atlantic steamship routes off the Azores Islands, about 4,800 miles from New York. The story was brought here yesterday by the steamship Venezia of the Fabre line, from Bordeaux. Members of the crew said one of the raiders fired several shots at the Venezia on April 28, but was unable to overtake her.

Captain Gaunt obtained from Captain Boniface of the Fabre liner a statement showing the exact latitude and longitude in which the two raiders were sighted. The naval attache said he intended to wire at once to Halifax so that British cruisers now in American waters would be warned. The Canadian authorities at Ottawa also may be asked to take prompt action to guard British transports.

"They will know in Halifax, if any of our cruisers or auxiliaries are in the region reported by Captain Boniface," said Captain Gaunt. "If these are really German raiders, escaped from Kiel, they will have a short lease of life. Undoubtedly there will be great fear in London when the news reaches there that German raiders are loose again. We will do everything possible to clear the ocean lanes quickly."

#### A GERMAN VERSION.

BERLIN, May 8 (by wireless to Sayville).—"According to reports from Athens," says the Overseas News Agency today, "the British minister at Athens has admitted that the unexploded bomb recently found on the staircase of the Bulgarian legation, in Athens, was a part of an invoice furnished by the British to Serbia, at the beginning of the war. The Greek police affirm that two members of the British secret police were the authors of the attempt to blow up the structure."

#### TO RELIEVE SHACKELTON.

LONDON, May 8.—The Government has decided to organize immediately an expedition for the relief of Lieut. Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, who with a number of men is marooned in the Antarctic.

#### ANOTHER NOTE TO GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A note to Germany has practically been completed and probably will go forward to Berlin today. It will be made public soon afterwards. It is understood it will be brief, informing Germany that as long as the new instructions to submarine commanders are observed, diplomatic relations will be continued, but that the United States cannot allow Germany to dictate its negotiations with Great Britain.

BERLIN, May 8 (by wireless to Sayville). There is little activity on the Russian and Italian fronts, and the situation is unchanged, the official German report of May 7 says.