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Terrific Struggle for the Possession of Dead Man Hill

French Official Statement Says Repeated Attacks of German Infantry Were Repulsed---Enemy Losses Were Heavy---British Casualty List for the Week.

PARIS, May 22.—French Grenadiers occupied several blockhouses in Avocourt wood on the Verdun front in the course of severe fighting last night. The struggle west of Dead Man Hill was terrific. The War Office statement of this afternoon says that the attacks of the German infantry were repulsed. The blockhouses in the Avocourt wood were abandoned by the Germans.

East of the Meuse infantry fighting occurred at the Haudremont quarries, captured yesterday by the French. The Germans attacked these positions, and the statement asserts they were repulsed with heavy losses.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A London despatch to the Sun under yesterday's date says: Today's official casualty list, counting the losses in killed, sick wounded and missing on all British fronts during the last week, gives the number of officers as 306, of whom 79 were killed, and that of men as 8,791, of whom 1,547 were killed. This makes the week's number of total casualties 9,097, of whom 1,626 were killed.

The Struggle Between French and Germans

At Verdun Enters Upon Its Fourth Month

PARIS, May 22.—The battle of Verdun, the longest and most bitterly contested individual struggle of the war, enters on its fourth month today. The Germans, with characteristic stubbornness and patience, are hammering at Dead Man Hill, where the most furious and bloody fighting of the three months' conflict has taken place. Clinging desperately to the trenches they have wrested from the French on the lower slope of the hill, the Teutons have hurled 60,000 men, backed by 60 batteries of guns of all calibres, forward along a seven mile front from Avocourt wood to the Meuse, in a desperate effort to seize the coveted summit.

Humans Have Secured a Foothold in French

First Line, But Can Easily be Dislodged

As has been usual in this war, when either side launched a well prepared and strongly delivered offensive, the Germans have succeeded in gaining a footing in the French first line at a cost of severe losses. However, judging from the experience of the past, it will not be a difficult task for the French to dislodge them before they are able to follow up their advantage. Both sides will then return to their former positions to await another offensive.

Germans Must Continue Onslaught on Dead

Man Hill or Abandon Their Undertaking

That the Germans must continue their tremendous onslaught on Dead Man Hill or abandon the idea of taking Verdun seems obvious. This blood-soaked summit and its sister eminence, Hill 304, form the key to the whole system of Verdun defences. The fire from their batteries anks the Douaumont plateau, across the river. Without the undisputed possession of this plateau, military critics agree that no attack on Verdun has any chance of success.

Lieut. Navarre is Now Reported to Have

Brought Down Nineteen Enemy Aircraft

NEW YORK, May 22.—A despatch to the World from Paris says: Although officially credited with the destruction of only eleven enemy machines, Lieut. Navarre, according to aviation experts, who have followed his career closely, has really brought down nineteen German aircraft. This total would be recognized officially were it not for the fact that what amounts to legal evidence is demanded before adding a notch to an aviator's record. Even allowing for good faith on his part it is sometimes difficult for an airman to tell definitely that his opponent has actually been forced to descend.

In registering two such achievements in consecutive days, Navarre, it is learned, is simply keeping a promise made to a friend during a visit to Paris a fortnight ago. This friend, the owner of a big newspaper, loaned the airman an auto and a few hundred francs of spending money. "Your kindness shall be adequately repaid," said Navarre. "Within a month I will bring down two enemy flyers for your special benefit."

CONDITIONS IN BERLIN.

LONDON, May 22.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam says: "In Berlin things are going from bad to worse in the matter of food. Fresh meat has been almost unobtainable, and it is now disclosed that for some days the capital has been without sausages. From tomorrow the butter ration will be reduced to 0 grams (less than a fifth of a pound) per head per week. For this amount the city council has fixed the price at 12 cents. It was only a few weeks ago that the ration was fixed at a quarter of a pound, and assurances were given that the supplies were adequate to meet this demand.

ELECTORS OF QUEBEC ARE VOTING TODAY

Montreal, May 22.—Quebec electors are voting today for their provincial legislators. The polls opened at nine o'clock and will close at 5 p.m.

There are eighty-two seats in the Quebec House, and of this number 25 were declared elected by acclamation last Monday. One more was added to the list last Saturday, when P. A. Begin retired in Rimouski, thus electing Auguste Tessier. In addition there are two ridings where elections are deferred, leaving contests therefore in 54 divisions.

Fair weather prevails today, but it is not generally expected that the vote polled will be very heavy, as the result appears to be a foregone conclusion so far as the return of the Gouin administration is concerned.

The standing at the last election was 64 Liberals and 18 Conservatives. During the past four years the Conservative strength dropped to fourteen.

Today, before the close of the polls, the standing was 20 Liberals and 3 Conservatives.

Mr. P. C. Pope, of Halifax, is at the Queen.

Mr. H. R. Ross, of St. John, is in this city.

DAVIDSON COMMISSION TO PROBE SALE OF AMMUNITION

Commission is Meeting This Afternoon---Alleged That Col. John Wesley Allison Got a Rake-off in the Transaction.

Ottawa, May 22.—Though the Meredith-Duff commission is having a week off, Sir Chas. Davidson this afternoon is recommending a probe into the sale of three million rounds of ammunition by the military department to Vickers, Limited, of London. The inquiry arises mainly out of a letter of the Auditor General, who raises the point that no order-in-council was passed in ratification of the sale, and who alleges further that the supply was resold to the Admiralty.

It is charged that a profit is attached to the resale. In the transaction, Col. J. W. Allison acted for the Vickers firm and the Auditor General in his letter to Sir Thomas White referred to this connection as "not calculated to allay suspicion."

J. A. Hutcheson, K.C., of Brockville, replaces Capt. John Thompson as counsel for the commission, while Capt. D. D. McKenzie, M.P., who brought up the matter in the House, will be represented by H. H. Dewar, K.C., of Toronto.

Union Men Doing Their Bit.

Ottawa, May 22.—Canadian Trade Unionists to the number of 11,972 have joined the Canadian expedition-

ary forces, according to inquiries made by the labor department. In addition, 459 union men who were British reservists in Canada, went back to join the regiments at home.

Of the reported enlistments the trade unions in Ontario are credited with approximately 34 per cent.

Nova Scotia, with 1,509 union enlistments, stands in second place, the miners contributing over 1,000; while Alberta is a close third with 1,505.

Foster Going to England.

Ottawa, May 22.—Sir George Foster, who leaves for England in the course of a week, will represent Canada at the economic conference of the Allies which is proposed to be held in Paris next month.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce will also lend assistance in the inquiries to be instituted by the commission appointed last week looking to Canadian development abroad.

Sir Robert Borden has as yet made no definite plans for the summer.

While it is quite probable that he will go to England, pressure of work at home may possibly keep him here for some time, especially as Sir Geo. Foster is going away.

Russian Subs Get German Ships

London, May 22.—Russian submarines continue to harass German shipping in the Baltic. An exchange telegraph despatch from Copenhagen quotes the Politiken to the effect that the German steamer Worms, 4,428 tons gross, owned in Hamburg, is believed to have been one of the latest victims. The Worms left Swede several days ago, and has not reached Germany.

It is also reported that the Swedish steamer Rosalind, 877 tons, struck a mine near Stockholm last night and sank. The crew was saved.

Son of War Minister Wounded

Rome, May 22 (via Paris).—Lieut. Morrons, son of General Paola Morrons, Italian minister of war, has been wounded dangerously in the head and leg during the Austrian offensive.

Mr. George C. Ross, of Montreal, is a guest at the Barker House.

Statement Soon On Irish Rebellion

London, May 22.—A statement giving full particulars of the acts for which fifteen participants in the Irish rebellion had been executed, was being prepared and would be presented shortly. Premier Asquith told a questioner in the House of Commons today.

The Premier added, in reply to a further question, that he was anxious because of misunderstanding in America on this subject, that the statement should be made at the earliest possible moment.

Lynch Sentenced To Ten Years

London, May 22.—Official confirmation was obtained today of the reports that a sentence of ten years' imprisonment has been given in the case of Jeremiah C. Lynch, an American citizen engaged with having participated in the Irish rebellion.

The American embassy received this information today from the British authorities.

ANGER AGAINST THE GERMANS IS GROWING AMONG TURKISH PEOPLE

An Important Statement Credited to a High Turkish Official---Von Der Goltz Was Shot by a Turkish Officer---Turkish Losses in Caucasus More Than 200,000.

(Canadian Press.)

NEW YORK, May 22.—A special cable to the World from Bucharest, via London, says:

"A high Turkish official who has arrived in Bucharest from Constantinople says that anger against the Germans, Enver Pasha, minister of war, and Talaat Bey, minister of the interior, is growing in the Turkish army and among the people.

IT IS NOW SAID THAT VON DER GOLTZ WAS

ASSASSINATED BY A TURKISH STAFF OFFICER

Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz did not die a natural death, as reported, but was assassinated in Bagdad by a Turkish staff officer, Hikmet Bey, who was shot by a German officer.

General Von Blume, a commander of cavalry, was assassinated by a Turkish officer after the Russians took Trebizond. Several other German officers have been killed in Constantinople. An attempt to poison Enver Pasha was made recently in the Turkish capital.

DISCOVERY OF ANTI-GERMAN CONSPIRACY

LEADS TO ARRESTS AMONG YOUNG TURKS

An extensive anti-German conspiracy was discovered in Constantinople lately. Ahmed Riza Bey, the Sultan's son-in-law, Shikri Pasha, a former minister, Khelousi Bey, Gonous Nadi Bey, several high officers of the army, influential members of the Young Turk committee on national defence, were arrested. Some were exiled and imprisoned in the fortress at Sinope, Asia Minor; others were hanged or shot.

The conspirators had distributed a manifesto throughout the army calling on the soldiers to turn their arms against the country's internal enemies, Enver Pasha and Talaat Bey, who have sold Turkey to the Germans.

THE SUBLIME PORTE AND OTHER OFFICIAL

QUARTERS BEING GUARDED BY GERMAN SOLDIERS

German soldiers are guarding the Sublime Porte (state and foreign ministries) and other official quarters. After the fall of Trebizond the Kaiser telegraphed to the Sultan promising 100,000 German soldiers to fight side by side with Turks.

General Liman Von Sanders and Enver Pasha are on the Caucasian front, trying to organize an army of 400,000 against the Russians. The committee of union is divided into factions. The Grand Vizier, Said Halim Pasha, Medhat Shikri Bey, and Reckid Bey, lead the party opposed to the Government.

THE TURKISH FORCES ON CAUCASIAN FRONT

HAVE SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES

The Turkish losses on the Caucasian front amount to more than 200,000. The Russians have taken 40,000 prisoners. Besides 50,000 Turkish soldiers there have succumbed to epidemic diseases. The fall of Kut-el-Amara and the surrender of the British force there encouraged the Turkish army and people, but both would be demoralized by another military disaster following this temporary success. The great majority are yearning for peace.

Turkey could not stand another winter campaign. Many of the poor in Constantinople are dying of hunger and throughout the country misery and famine exist.

AUSTRIANS ABANDONING THE ALBANIAN FRONT DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING UP SUPPLIES

PARIS, May 22.—A neutral diplomat who has just returned from Albania, is quoted in a despatch to the Matin from Athens as saying that the Austrians have withdrawn 50,000 troops from Albania in the last three weeks. According to this diplomat, the Austrians have left only small detachments to guard the towns they have occupied, leaving a garrison of 300 at Fiera and 600 at Berat. The remainder of the troops left in the country are concentrated at Durazzo.

The abandonment of the Albanian front is said to be due to the impossibility of bringing up supplies.

This statement conflicts with recent despatches from Athens and Paris which stated that the Teutons were about to launch an attack in force against Aylona, the only town that remains in the hands of the Italians. On May 19 the Austrians were reported to have assembled a fleet of 150 transports at Fiume to transport troops and supplies to Durazzo.