

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE WAS FORMALLY OPENED TODAY

THE FRENCH CAPTURE A FORTIFIED POSITION

**Fierce Counter Attacks of the Enemy
Were Repulsed---Number of Prison-
ers Taken---Hun Airplanes Were
Brought Down in Flames.**

PARIS, May 10.—A fortified position on the Vaucelle plateau was captured last night by the French, it is announced officially today. The artillery fight continues in this region, where the Germans made a counter attack with a division of fresh troops. Several German counter-attacks along the Chemin des Dames were repulsed.

The statement is as follows: "During the night the enemy attempted without success several attacks at various points along the Chemin des Dames. All his efforts were defeated by our fire. A counter-attack in greater force against positions carried by us in the region of Chevreux met with the same fate and did not prevent us from making further progress and capturing a fortified point of support. Prisoners and machine guns remained in our hands.

"On the northern slopes of the Vaucelle plateau we carried out part of the operation which enabled us to enlarge our gains and to take prisoners belonging to a division of troops which arrived recently on this part of the front.

"Artillery fighting continues actively in these sectors. East of Hill 108, near La Pompelle, north of Bezonvaux, and in the region of Metzeral, patrol skirmishes and grenade fighting occurred. Information now at hand shows German airplanes reported to have been damaged seriously on April 23rd and 24th, May 5th and May 7th, were in reality brought down.

"Yesterday our pilots caused two German airplanes to fall in flames."

HYPHENATED AMERICANS ARE ROUNDLY CONDEMNED

**German Paper Declares That They Have Betrayed
the Old Mother in a Most Shameful Manner.**

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (via London).—Bitter condemnation of German-Americans is the feature of an article in the Kdeuz Zeitung on mobilization in the United States. Referring to the loyal resolutions passed at meetings of German-Americans, he says:

"German-Americans could not betray their old mother country more shamefully seeing that nobody will assert that the existence of the United States is endangered by Germany. The more pitiful is the cowardly zeal with which the two million German-Americans in their national associations disown their race in time of distress.

"The term German faithfulness is hereby forever dishonored. Nothing any longer binds us to these German-Americans. We only cherish one wish, that as speedily as possible they erase the word German from the name of their organizations, its use being as insulting to the German people as to themselves."

BRITISH SHIPS WERE IN ACTION

London, May 10.—A British force of light cruisers and destroyers chased eleven German destroyers today, engaging them at long range, but being unable to overtake them, says an official statement this afternoon.

DEMOCRACY TO SHARE POWER

Petrograd, May 10.—Minister of Justice Karensky has sent letters to the Duma, the committee of the soldiers and workmen's council, and the Socialist parties inviting the representatives of the Democracy to share in the burden of power.

Newsprint Scarce in Germany.

Copenhagen, May 10, (via London).—The Berlin newspaper publishers have informed Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg that they are in pressing danger of being forced to suspend publication at the end of this week or the beginning of next, owing to the paper shortage. They ask the chancellor to take steps to increase the supply and particularly to furnish fuel to paper factories.

DRAFT BELGIANS INTO HUN ARMY

Copenhagen, May 10, via London.—A representative of the German war department has admitted that a number of Belgian subjects resident in Cologne were drafted into the German army, in spite of their protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army. The admission was made in answer to an interpellation by a radical socialist deputy. The War Department official promised that the question of citizenship in these cases would be reviewed.

HUNS THREATEN NEW REPRISALS

Berlin, May 10.—An official statement issued today says: "Reprisal for the placing of a German general and fifteen staff officers on French hospital ships in the Mediterranean the Germans have placed twice this number of French officers of corresponding rank at points in the western industrial districts which are especially subject to aerial attack.

Hon. John P. Burchill, M. P., has arrived for the session and is at the Queen.

ADMIRALTY MAY OFFER EXPLANATION

**No Word of Steamer Yet,
Sunk Two Weeks Ago
With Loss of Life.**

London, May 10.—The Daily Chronicle says: "Perhaps the House of Commons will be given some explanation today of the mysterious reasons why the Admiralty pursues its inconsistent policy and conceals facts as well as issues misleading statements. About two weeks ago a large steamer was sunk and 70 lives lost, some of them people of note. No news has been published of the disaster.

Other outrages involving loss of life have been announced and descriptions published. On what principle does the Admiralty censorship work?"

A SINN FEINER WINS A SEAT

London, May 10.—Joseph McGuinness, a Sinn Feiner, has been elected to the House of Commons at the special election to fill the vacancy of the southern division of Longford county, Ireland. His majority was 37 over Patrick McKenna, Nationalist.

FISHING FLEETS TO BE KEPT BUSY

St. Johns, Nfld., May 10.—Preparations are being made for the operation of Newfoundland fishing fleets and curing plants on a larger scale than ever this year. It is the general expectation that an unusually large amount of fish will be exported to the United States, where it is thought that the demand will be greatly increased by the war conditions and the high prices of other foods.

ROOSEVELT WILL GET NO ARMY

Washington, May 10.—Conferences on the army bill reached an agreement today and the measure will be reported to the two houses for confirmation as soon as possible. The amendment put in by the Senate permitting Col. Theodore Roosevelt to raise four divisions for service in France was eliminated.

The conferees made the age limit of these subject to the selective drafts twenty-one to thirty years inclusive.

British Made Progress.

London, May 10. — Progress was made by the British last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, east of Griseourt and south of the Souchez river, says today's official announcement.

GERMANS LOST HEAVILY IN FIGHTING AT FRESNOY

**Canadians and South England Troops Stubbornly
Defend the Position--Gave Way Before Superior
Numbers,**

London, May 10.—Correspondents at British headquarters in France, referring to the situation at Fresnoy, say the village had been difficult to hold ever since the Canadians captured it last Thursday. As the British were not in possession of the villages of Acheville and Oppy, respectively to the north and south, Fresnoy was greatly exposed. Standing out from the line like a bastion, the Germans made a strong attack daily on each of the village to prevent the British from getting forward to strengthen their positions.

In their final assault the Germans employed vastly more men than the British had used in taking the village. Their losses are declared to have been so severe that if we had used up every man we had on the field we should

RETURNED SOLDIERS AIR A GRIEVANCE

**Say the Govt. is Dilatory
and Patriotic Fund Offi-
cials Unsympathic.**

Toronto, May 10.—Returned disabled soldiers aired some grievances at a public meeting in Massey Hall last night, presided over by his worship Mayor Church. They complained that the government was dilatory, that the Patriotic Fund officials were unsympathetic and that alien enemies and society women were being employed in munition factories to the exclusion of returned soldiers and soldiers' wives. They urged the establishment at once of a civic employment bureau for returned soldiers and reorganization of the prison system in Canada.

PLOT TO MURDER M. VENIZELOS

London, May 10.—An official telegram received here today from Salonika says that a conspiracy has been discovered there to assassinate ex-Premier Venizelos.

Nine who were arrested, the despatch says, confessed that they were acting under instructions from a secret committee formed in Athens by military officers and politicians.

MOTOR SHIP ON FIRE AT SEA

Newport, R. I., May 10.—The British motor ship Sebastian, which was abandoned by her crew today, while on fire off Nanucket Shoals Lightship was reported by a United States war vessel last night as in tow bound for this port. Radio messages to the naval station here said that the fire was still burning, but that the vessel probably would be saved.

THE INVITATION WAS DECLINED

London, May 10.—The National Executive Labor Committee met in the House today to consider an invitation to attend Stockholm Socialist conferences. It was decided, however, that it could not associate itself with this. It regarded the calling of a conference by the Dutch section as irregular. The conference apparently had no definite object in view and would possess no mandate.

It was decided to arrange a conference of the Labor and Socialist parties of all the Allied countries, including the United States, to be held at London about the middle of June.

LARGE CROWD OF SPECTATORS WITNESSED LEGISLATIVE OPENING

**Mr. William Currie of Campbellton is
Elected to the Speakership---Useful
Legislation Forecasted in Speech
From the Throne---Military Display.**

The Sixth Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick opened its first session this afternoon with less display than has been the rule for some years past, but with an impressiveness which was noticed by all who attended the ceremony. As has been the case for the past two years, troops which are within a short time of active service paid the compliments to His Honor the Lieut. Governor when he arrived to greet the House of Assembly, and the officers who attend him as aides and as an escort on the floor of the Chamber were from the Expeditionary Forces. The men who already had performed their duty on the plains of Flanders at the cost of health and limb were represented by the special guard which was on duty in and about the Legislative Buildings.

The salute of thirteen guns by custom fired when the Lieutenant-Governor enters the Legislative Chamber was omitted, artillery not being available. The fact that a Highland unit, the 236th Overseas Battalion, furnished the guard of honor, calls to mind the fact that not since the time when the 72nd Duke of Albany's Highlanders were stationed in Fredericton about fifty years ago, has this duty been taken by a Highland corps.



HON. W. E. FOSTER,
Prime Minister of New Brunswick.

Within the Chamber.
Within the Chamber the ceremony attending the opening was witnessed by the usual large number of interested spectators. The fact that a new administration had come into power since the last session of the Legislature lent added interest to the occasion as did also the election of a Speaker. Invited guests had places of honor on the floor of the chamber and in the Speaker's Gallery, and the general public occupied all available space in the other galleries. The sombre hue of the service uniforms of the officers in attendance upon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the mourning which was noticeable among the spectators were silent evidence that the province is doing its share in the great struggle which is now in its third year.

The date of the opening of the Legislature is the latest in the history of the province since Confederation. In spite of that fact however, the weather was not all that could be desired.

The absence of Mr. Henry B. Rainsford, the veteran clerk of the House, was noticeable. This is the second opening which Mr. Rainsford has been prevented by illness from attending.

The business-like arrangements connected with the opening and the following transactions of the House impressed all most favorably and gave the general impression that the administration of Hon. W. E. Foster will deal in an efficient manner with the affairs of the province.

Received With Salute.
The guard of honor furnished by the 236th Highland Battalion paraded at the Barrack Square at 2.15, the guard being one hundred rank and file under the command of Major Cecil R. Mersereau with Capt. Edward Mooney and Lieutenant Meahan. Both the brass and pipe bands were in attendance, the pipes playing the guard down Queen street to its position on the green in front of the Parliament Buildings.
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