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Heavy Fighting Continues Along the Western Front

British Troops Make Successful Attack on the Hindenburg Line and Take Hundreds of Prisoners---Fierce Artillery Fighting on the Verdun Front.

LONDON, May 12.—The official statement given out here today says that the British troops which attacked the Hindenburg line have gained their objective and taken some hundreds of prisoners. The British attacked near Bullecourt, on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road, and north of the Scarpe river last night and early this morning.

PARIS, May 12.—Unusually heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front in the region of Avocourt, today's statement says. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and in the region of Bezonvaux.

LONDON, May 12.—"Since May 2, no events of importance have occurred in Mesopotamia," says an official statement issued today. Our mobile columns operating in the basins of the Shatt-el-Adhem and Diale rivers have pressed the enemy back into the Jebel-Hamrin range which runs in a northwesterly and southeasterly direction some sixty to eighty miles from the captured city of Bagdad.

PARIS, May 12.—President Poincare has signed a decree defining the status of the new post of Chief of the General Staff to which General Petain has been appointed. General Petain is the delegate of the minister of war for the study of all technical questions concerning military operations and for the direction of military services in French Territory.

INTENSELY BITTER FIGHTING IS BEING CARRIED ON IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WESTERN FRONT

(From an Associated Press Correspondent.)
British Headquarters in France, May 11 (via London).—While there is no general battle in progress, intensely bitter fighting has flared up at various sectors on the British line from the vicinity of Lens almost to the south of St. Quentin. Much of this is due to the desperate attempts of the Germans to retake some of their old positions. They still are heaving fresh reinforcements by day and by night into the conflict, which is ever becoming more sanguinary. The Germans have resorted again to the use of liquid fire in their most recent attacks, but even that barbarous weapon has failed them. It has been employed several times in the tragic fighting which has raged about Bullecourt in the past ten days. This village and the sections of the Hindenburg line which adjoin it, has been the real storm centre of the war during this period along the British front in France.

HUNS FRANTICALLY ENDEAVORING TO HOLD THE NORTHERN HALF OF VILLAGE OF BULLECOURT

The Germans appear absolutely frantic in their efforts to hold the northern half of the village of Bullecourt and to oust the Australians from their grim hold on the Hindenburg line a short distance to the east.

The fighting here has been marked by all the more terrible devices of warfare, for in addition to liquid fire the Germans have been using time after time, boiling oils thrown by hand grenades, real grenades, trench mortars and every character and calibre of artillery.

PUBLICITY MEN COMING TO N. B.

Mr. J. M. Gibbons, of Montreal, the chief publicity agent of the C. P. R., Mr. Seymour, the tourist agent, and a party of seven American writers of note, will arrive here on the 21st for a fishing trip on Cain's River.

They will be accompanied by a motion picture man, and hope to obtain some pictures of salmon fishing and river driving scenes. Mr. W. H. Allen, president of the N. B. Guide's Association, will furnish an outfit for the party and give his services as a guide free of charge. The party expect to remain in the woods about ten days.

GRANT FOR CHILDREN'S AID.

City Council Voted \$300 to This Important Organization Last Night.

The City Council last night voted a grant of \$300 to the Children's Aid Society. The vote was made on the motion of Ald. Lemont. The delegation which placed the claims of the society before the council was as follows: Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Miss E. L. Thorne, Miss Jean Cooper, Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins and Mr. R. B. Wallace. Miss Cooper, the agent of the society, gave instances of what had been among children who had been living amid immoral and unhealthy surroundings.

Laundry Soap Advances.
Laundry soap advanced this morning. The advance amounts to fifty cents per box.

NOT IN FAVOR OF COALITION

Petrograd, May 12.—The executive committee of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates has decided by a vote of 23 to 22 not to participate in the formation of a coalition government.

The question will be referred to a plenary meeting of the council. It is understood that the ministers of munitions, labor and relief will be created in the coalition government.

INVESTIGATION OF THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Mr. John M. Stevens, K. C., of Edmonton, has been appointed a Royal Commissioner by the Provincial Government to investigate expenditures on the St. John & Quebec Railway. Mr. Stevens is known as one of the best railway lawyers in New Brunswick and will bring extensive knowledge of the subject of railways to his new task. It is probable that some of the sessions of the investigation will be held in Fredericton.

Mr. Burton M. Hill of St. Stephen, has been appointed engineer of the Railway and Highway Departments of the province. He will perform the work formerly done by Mr. D. F. Maxwell and Mr. John L. Feeney. The latter has been offered the position of sub-engineer in the Public Works Department. He is not yet decided whether or not he will accept.

Mrs. McNulty, of St. John, is visiting Canon and Mrs. Smithers.

INCREASED PRODUCTION ENCOURAGED BY COUNCIL

Retail Merchants' Association Has Been Granted Part of Queen's Square---Six Acres of Winslow Property Also Made Available by Remitting a Portion of Taxes---Delegation Before City Council.

The City Council last night received a delegation of the Retail Merchants' Association, which asked for assistance in the project of raising potatoes upon land in or near the city as part of the campaign for Increased Production. After hearing members of the delegation and discussing the matter fully the Council on vote decided to give the Retail Merchants' Association as much of Queen Square along Church street as was desired and also to remit taxes for 1917 on six acres of land owned by Mr. J. F. Winslow in the vicinity of Winslow street to an amount equal to the revenue derived from the land in 1916. The delegation asked for the remission of all taxes on that land, amounting to about \$210 but the aldermen were not willing to do that.

Among those in the delegation were Messrs. A. A. Shute, D. E. Crowe, M. E. Doohan, Joseph Cain, R. G. Lee, C. H. Edgecombe, C. W. Hall, H. S. Campbell and A. Murray. Mr. Winslow also was present.

Mr. Crowe was the spokesman. He told of the efforts of the Association to get land. Scully's Grove, Queen Square and a lot owned by Mr. H. G. Kitchen on Woodstock Road had been selected but had the disadvantage of being in sod. Mr. Crowe said that sod-land was not wanted. Mr. Winslow had six acres which had been cultivated for several years which could be obtained for the remission of the taxes. The delegation desired the City Council to remit the taxes.

In response to Ald. McLellan Mr. Crowe said that the Flats were not suitable. Others who spoke were Messrs. Campbell and Edgecombe. Mr. John Bebbington, Jr., as a practical farmer, was asked for information. He said that on vacant land east of University avenue three thousand and barrels of potatoes could be grown but the owners were not willing to rent at a reasonable figure. He believed that part of the Flats could be planted to crop. He would be willing to pay \$40 rent the first year and \$50 for the next two years. Touching on the matter of garbage disposal Mr. Bebbington said that much refuse which it was suggested to burn could be used on the land as fertilizer.

Question of Flats.
On the motion of Ald. McLellan the matter of leasing the Flats was put in the hands of a committee composed of Aldermen Everett, Burnett, Lemont, Wilkinson and McLellan.

Opinion of the Aldermen.
Discussion on the request of the delegation followed. Ald. Everett said that it was not profitable to grow potatoes on land the rental of which was as high as that proposed for the Winslow lot.

Ald. Burnett was of like opinion. He also pointed out that Mr. Crowe was hardly speaking as an expert when he spoke against using sod-land for potato raising. As a matter of fact land of that kind was the best. As a practical inducement to increased production he suggested that the council guarantee a minimum price for about one thousand barrels of potatoes.

Ald. Wilkinson said that the enthusiasm for Increased Production on the part of the Retail Merchants' Association would soon disappear. The proposition was not feasible. Ald. Reid said that the proposal to remit all the taxes was not good business.

Final Action.
Finally the use of part of Queen Square was granted on the motion of Ald. Wilkinson and that for the remission of part of the taxes on the Winslow property on the motion of Ald. Reid.

Bridge Party.
Mrs. J. H. McMurray entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon and last night. In the afternoon the prize winners were Mrs. R. N. McCunn, 1st, Mrs. R. B. Hanson, 2nd, Miss Bevelley, consolation. In the evening they were Mrs. A. T. McMurray 1st, Miss Gregory, consolation.

Ladder Truck Arrives.
The two-horse ladder truck which was purchased by the Fire committee last autumn arrived here yesterday. Freight congestion in the United States prevented earlier delivery.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON ZEEBRUGGE

London, May 12.—Flashes of light indicating another aerial attack on Zeebrugge were observed between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, a Reuter despatch from Flushing, Holland, reports. Later heavy and continuous gunfire was heard from the west. It is believed a naval engagement was in progress.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, May 12.—There are ninety-nine names in the noon casualty today. twenty-two were killed in action and 8 died of wounds.

The Maritime men are as follows:
Infantry.

Killed in Action—J. G. Maxwell St. John.

Wounded—R. Atkinson, Glace Bay, N. S.; C. E. Warren, North River, P. E. I.; P. E. Kaulbach, Bridgewater, N. S.

GOVERNOR OF FINLAND MAKES A PLEA FOR CONTINUANCE OF WAR

Says Victory for the Allies is Necessary In Order to Establish Permanent Peace---strong for the Provisional Government.

PETROGRAD, May 12 (via London).—An earnest plea for the continuation of the war until German militarism is overthrown was made by Feodor I. Roditcheff, Governor General of Finland, at an extraordinary session of the Duma.

Governor Roditcheff said: "The alliance of free peoples is directed against the oppression of imperialism and militarism. We must therefore be stoically faithful to it. We have been told that peace would come from democracy and no one has a greater desire for peace than myself, but when the enemy tramples our country under foot, the duty of democracy and of every one who desires peace is to struggle against the enemy and drive him from our territory.

"Victory is necessary in order to establish social and international peace. The greater our victory over the enemy, the more complete will be the victory of the democracy of peasants and workmen, for if German militarism is not overthrown, all the work of future generations will have to be devoted to armaments. Our friends, allies and enemies must know that Russia adopted freedom in order to overthrow despotism and drive the enemy from our borders as well as from those of our Allies."

Turning towards the members of the provisional government, M. Roditcheff said: "All honest hearts among the Russian people are with you, even the hearts of those of your opponents who speak against you. You are right to demand great sacrifices from the people and to demand superhuman efforts from us all, for we see the efforts and sacrifices which you make. Do not weaken and your name will be blessed as long as the Russian language is spoken."

EVENTS IN RUSSIA HAVE ENCOURAGED THE ANTI-GERMAN MOVEMENT IN WARSAW

COPENHAGEN, May 12 (via London).—Advices from Warsaw reaching here through Austro-Polish sources say the movement against the German-created Polish council of states has undoubtedly been encouraged by the events in Russia.

The Russian revolution has weakened the position of the German faction and the supporters of the new kingdom under Austro-German auspices. The national council, originally instituted as a representative Polish body to assist the council of states in the work of establishing the new kingdom, fell at its last meeting into the power of the anti-German passivists. It adopted a resolution declaring that the further existence of the council of states was harmful.

MARSHALL JOFFRE IS ON A VISIT TO BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., May 12.—Marshal Joffre and members of the French commission accompanying him, arrived here from New York shortly before 8 a. m. today. They were welcomed with every possible evidence of enthusiasm. State and city had provided a nentertainment filling every hour of the day, and the streets were thronged, not only with residents of the city, but with many who had come from all parts of New England to share in the acclaim to the hero of the Marne.

In the afternoon a military parade was planned to come off on the Boston Common. This was the presentation to Joffre of a gold casket containing an order for more than \$150,000 contributed by New England citizens towards the support of fatherless children in France.

ONLY BRIEF STAY IN N. Y.

New York, May 12. -- The brief stay of the British war commission and the urgent plea of Foreign Minister Balfour that he and his associates be permitted to rest resulted in only two events being arranged for the day. Mr. Balfour and other members of the party were to be guests at luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce and at night the commission had been invited to attend an entertainment at Carnegie hall under the auspices of the American committee of the British Red Cross, the league of Allies and the St. George, St. Andrew and St. David societies. Proceeds of the entertainment, expected to make \$100,000, will be turned over to the British Red Cross.

IN THE CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, May 12.—Stoppage of trading in the May delivery of wheat did not long delay fresh advances in the price of other options although the market at first showed material declines on account of lack of support, buying was soon resumed in sufficient quantities to make quotations jump in the same extraordinary fashion that of late has kept the wheat pit in a turmoil.

July delivery leaped up 13 to 2.59, as against 2.46 to 2.49 1/2 at the opening and compared with 2.49 3/4 to 2.50 1/4 at yesterday's finish. Meanwhile September soared to 2.27 a rise of 9 to 10 cents over night. The market was extremely nervous.

Mrs. Chip Olive, of St. John, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Harold McMurray.