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## MMENT OF LONDON **NEWSPAPERS ON THE** GERMAN UFFENSIVE While Admitting the Huns Have Gained An Initial Success They Are Not Inclined to View the Situation Seriously---No Cause for Alarm

LONDON, May 29 .- Several of the morning newspapers withheld comment on the battle on the Aisne sector. Others, while admitting the Germans have gained a substantial initial success, deprecate any idea of treating the enemy's advance

success, deprecate any idea of treating the enemy's advance too seriously. It is realized that similar thrusts have not been followed by continuous success. The Daily Chronicle fears that the advance has involved a big loss in guns, but thinks that in other respects it need not cause undue alarm. The paper adds: "The country is so diffi-cult that General Foch's reserves should have time to intervene before the strategic situation is altered seriously to the detri-ment of the Allies. The Germans, however, probably have done rather better than they expected, although their achieve-ment thus far does not go much beyond undoing the effects of ment thus far does not go much beyond undoing the effects of last year's French victories.'

#### LOSS OF A POSITION WHICH THE ALLIES HAVE SACRIFICED MUCH TO MAINTAIN IS REGRETTABLE

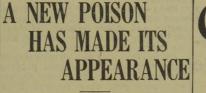
Si the German successes had been won two months ago, says the Daily Graphic, "they would have created a widespread feeling of alarm. Experience, however, has shown that initial successes frequently are followed by long pauses of impotence.

successes frequently are followed by long pauses of impotence. Consequently we are able without making light of the new Ger-man advance, to regard it calmly." The Times sees indications that the whole line which the Germans assaulted was manned rather lightly, and thinks it clear that the retirement was a deliberate outcome of a definite resolution made swiftly in view of the formidable character of the onslaught. It adds: "The loss of the position which the Allies have sacrificed so much to maintain is a regrettable feat we and we fear that many more guns may have fallen into feature and we fear that many more guns may have fallen into the hands of the enemy.

#### THE ENEMY NOW FURTHER SOUTH THAN AT ANY **TIME SINCE TRENCH WARFARE BEGAN IN 1914**

From the fact that the French still hold the Vregny plateau and presumably the Sermoise spur, while the British on the other wing are holding their ground, the Times infers that there pany of the Jewish Palestine legion, is a possibility that the enemy's rush may be checked.

The enemy's achievement, declares the Daily News, is formidable and brings them further south than they have been in this sector since trench warfare began in 1914; but there British in Palestine. The legionarought to be no occasion for serious worry. We have grown ies will be joined by more recruits familiar with the course of these great thrusts, which achieve from Baltimore and Philadelphia. a startling success in the first great rush and reach their imis what we may anticipate in the present case. We must not MORE TROOPS petus just as the defence brings its reserves into action. This look for any dramatic reversal of fortune, but may reasonably



Home Canned Fruits and Vegetables the Source of Danger-Cooking Destroys the Germ.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) (Canadian Press direct wire.) Hamilton, Ont., May 29.—A new poi-son has appeared in United States and in England, and may appear in Canada. It is called Botulism and is a form of ptomaine poisoning, got from eating home-canned fruits or vegetables where the methods used in sterilizing are insufficient. California in particular is a sufferer from these diseases, and Dr. Ernest Dickson, a captain of the Army Medi-cal Corns, who has seen its effects

fruit develop from it. The toxin is destroyed by heating. so appointed a committee the ob-ct of which is to organize a Canadian enereal diseases

### **OPERATIONS IN** MACEDONIA

pulsed.

## LEGION TO TRAIN IN NOVA SCOTIA

New York, May 29-Another com consisting of 150 men will leave here tomorrow for Nova Scotia to complete training before joining the other four contingents now fighting with the



Dickson, a captain of the Army Medi-cal Corps, who has seen its effects there, told the Medical Congress here yesterday that "botulism" was the re-currence of the disease prevalent in southern Germany a hundred years ago. It was then, and for many years afterwards thought to be due to meat decayed, but it has been found that ptomaine from canned vegetables and fruit develop from it. too much to say that another forty-eight hours will see the German drive definitely stopped. High praise is given the French reserves for the perfect order in which they ar coming into the fighting line.

Not the least encouraging news yesterday was the brilliant success of the Americans in the Montdidier sector, which the newspapers feature.

#### BRITISH TROOPS CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL **RAID AND TAKE PRISONERS AND A MACHINE GUN**

LONDON, May 29.—The German artillery is active north of Albert an din the Flanders salient, east of Robecq. The official statement says: "We carried out a successful raid National Committee for combatting last night southeast of Arras, and captured prisoners and a machine gun. A few prisoners were taken by us also during the night west of Merville. A raid attempted by the enemy at Givenchy les Labassee was repulsed. A hostile attack upon one of our posts south of the Ypres-Comines canal also was repulsed after sharp fighting.'

#### **ALLIED TROOPS WERE COMPELLED TO WEAR** GAS MASKS FOR HOURS AT A STRETCH

In many respects the German attack on the Aisne front and its results bear a striking similarity to the opening of the German offensive in March. The present movement, however, differs in a most vital point, namely, that on this occasion there has never been, as was the case in March, danger of the Allied region of the entire country. So bold line breaking. On the contrary, as soon as it was found the have they become that recently a Allies were unable to hold the crest, orders were given for the number of them came out to nearby retirement to the Aisne and the Anglo-French force made an orderly retreat in perfect unity.

Points of similarity are that again the Germans discovered weak point in the Allied line and attacked in superiority of five to one. Gas also again played an important part, the Allies' forces being compelled to wear masks for hours at a stretch.

#### **GREAT INTEREST CENTRED IN THE GREAT DRIVE** AGAINST THE ALLIES IN THE AISNE REGION

With the British Army in France, May 28.-The defeat by the Americans near Montdidier and by the French and British east of Dickebusch Lake, shows that the Germans again have recorded failure in those regions for their arms. Not only this, but a lon glist of dead and wounded must be added to their

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# **TONED DOWN**

**TWO CENTS PER COPY** 

London, May 29.—Berlin newspapers apparently have been given orders to tone down their war enthusiasm, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, reporting on German comment on Monday's fighting along the Aisne.

the Aisne. The Cologne Volks Zeitung says of the fighting: "Our new success shows us again how justified is our confi-dence in our great leaders. It would be premature to draw final conclus-ions but it is enough for the German people to know that its confidence in the spirit of the troops can never be disappointed."

## STATE HOSPITAL

Columbia, S. C., May 29-Fire de stroyed a ward at the State Hospital for the insane, resulting in the burning to death of at least sixteen patients. Eleven other patients are missing and five were badly burned, two afterwards died.

## **DEFYING THE** MITITARY ACT

Wakefield, Que., May 29-High up in the Laurentian Mountains, well provisioned, well clothed and armed to the teeth, twenty young men of the Gatineau District are setting a lefiance to the military service act.

The men are mostly shantymen, all familiar with the rough mountainous district and they are said to be encamped in the most remote and wild villages to obtain provisions and even went so far as to openly state that they were heavily armed and prepared to compete with any force.

### **CRUSH THE FOES** OF FREEDOM

Toronto, May 28-"The boys at the front will never quit until the foes of freedom are crushed. God graat that we may be as brave, and hold the flag and stick to the business until righteousness shall triumph, until peace shall reign, and war shall be no more

This was the stirring message brought to Toronto tonight by Gipsy Smith, the great British evangelist, who, for the past forty years, has been preaching the gospel, with the world as his parish.

expect the line to be re-established.

#### British Sustained the Shock.

The Daily News remarks on the absence from Field Marshal Haig's report of Tuesday night any reference to the Aisne 900 civilians and one hundred officers front, and thinks it can hardly have been an oversight. It de- N. C. O's and men of the Canadian duces from the Field Marshal's afternoon communique that the British right sustained the shock unmoved, but that the weight of attack on the left forced the French back, leaving the Brit- board is Sir John Gibson, ex-Lientish left in the air, with the result that a general retirement enant governor of Ontario. across the Aisne was necessary.

## **ITALIANS WIN GREAT VICTORY OVER TEUTONS IN TONALE REGION**

#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

ROME, May 29 .- The Brilliant victory of the Italians in the Tonale region attack today. The nearest German was won in fighting on ground about twelve thousand feet above the sea, 'mid trench is several yards east of where melting snows and glaciers. The battle was remarkable on account of the the Americans have dug in nearer the highly specialized troops engaged and the mechanical devices applied. The vast wastes of Tonale mountain, dominating the Camoncia plateau and the Cantigra approaches to Paradise Pass, had been neglected by both sides as a field for offens re operations, but no whecome more important. Among the results of the Italian attack were the blowing up by artillery fire of an important Austrian munition depot and the capture of two telegraph lines which ran over Paradise Pass. The Italians were assisted greatly by a violent artillery fire. it required heroic efforts by the Alpini to carry guns to the mountain tops.

#### ANOTHER RIVETTING RECORD.

#### STILL SHELLING PARIS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Paris, May 29 .- The long range bom-Belfast, May 29.—A new rivetting record was made at Queen's Island on Tues.<sup>5</sup>/ by John Lowry, who drove 7,841 rivets in nine hours. He also established a record for an hour with 922 rivets. Mr. F. E. Rivard of St. Leonard's

922 rivets.

Mr. F. E. Rivard of St. Leonard's is in the city.

## RETURN HOME MILITARY CRITICS ARE

A Canadian Atlantic Port, May 29-A British steamer having on board | Expeditionary force, arrived here this morning from an English port. Among the civilian passengers on

### AMERICANS WIN VICTORY

With the American Army in France Tuesday, May 28-The American line now runs 150 to 200 yards east of Cantigny, as a result of the successful

Cantigny.

#### Death at Doak Settlement

Charles McConnell a well known Cemetery.

French Writer Thinks the Object of the Huns is to Win Such a Victory as Will GERMAN WORKS End the War

ALLOWED MUCH FREEDOM

PARIS, May 29.- A noteworthy point in connection with the present general battle is the freedom allowed the military critics in their articles. Henri Bidau, for instance, is allowed to say in Le Journal this morning that it was <sup>4</sup>certainly distressing that the enemy succeeded in recapturing in one day our conquests of 1917," an admission which it is considered virtually certain the contests with enemy planes. No losses previous censorship would not have passew.

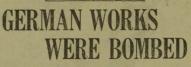
M. Bidau, who established himself as one of the soundest and most con-M. Bidau, who established minister as one taking a general wide THE LATEST outlook, and his article inspires confidence in the final result, which he forecasts will be a repetition of that incident to Germany's last two great efforts.

#### PRESSURE ON WEAK POINT.

The German success, he declares, is due to the enemy's ability to manoeuvre his reserves within the arc of the front in a way which admits of a

Charles McConnell a well known farmer residing at Doak Settlement in this city died last night at the age of fifty two years, after a lingering illness with cancer. A widow and three stepdaughters survive. The lat-ter are Mrs. George McFawn, Miss Jessie Blizzard and Miss Inez Bliz-zard. Two brothers John McConnell of Glencoe and Wesley McConnell of Doak Settlement also survive together with three sisters. The funeral will take place Thursday at 2 p. m. Rev. Mr. Lewis conducting the service. Interment will be made at Forest Hill The Germans, M. Bidau recalls, found their violent effort in Picardy heights south and southeast of St. checked after they had engaged 111 divisions, while their second effort in Thieray, where they are holding po-Flanders cost the services of fifty divisions. He argues that if the enemy had sitions between the Sesle and the Interment will be made at Forest Hill Germany fails to obtain the desired end increases the imminence of defeat."

His mission tonight was to tell of the practical Christian work which is being done in hundreds of red triangle huts.



London, May 29.— The report on aerial operations on the western front records the dropping of many bombs on German works in Flanders and in spirited are mentioned.

## WAR BULLETIN

Paris, May 29-The French troops have fallen back to the eastern outskirts of Soissons, where the battle contiues with bitterness, the French war office announces today.

Franco-British troops, the statement adds, have fallen back to the Aisne Canal.. In the centre, fighting is going on with varying success on the heights on the southern bank of the Vesle river, where the French troops are bravely and admirably defending their positions.

Germans, and have found, outposts