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## Huns Throwing All Their Strength Into Aisne Battle

### May Possibly Strike Another Blow Also For Amiens or Dunkirk---Forty Divisions Engaged in the Aisne Conflict---Situation Still Serious

LONDON, May 31.—Forty German divisions are engaged in the Aisne battle and forty more are in reserve, says a despatch from Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters. It is possible, the despatch adds, that the enemy may strike another blow for Amiens or Dunkirk, but for the moment he appears to be throwing his entire strength into the conflict on the Aisne. Fierce attacks were, it is added, attended by the capture of Soissons by the Germans. The city was reported to have been in flames Wednesday evening.

The Germans continued to push forward south of Fere en Tardenois, according to latest advices from Paris, but neither Shateau Thierry nor Dornans have yet fallen into their hands. There is reason to hope that Chateau Thierry, the population of which fled, will be saved.

#### ENEMY BAFFLED BY THE VALOR OF THE ALLIES, HAVE FAILED TO ENLARGE POCKET IN THEIR LINES

PARIS, May 31.—Baffled by the valor of the Allied soldiers, the Germans yesterday failed to enlarge greatly the pocket in the Allied lines. Even in the centre the enemy appears to have been held and the advance is slackening.

In accordance with their favorite manoeuvre, the Germans apparently are swinging their columns eastward with the object of getting around Rheims through Ville en Tardenois and the valley of the Ardre. The bastion constituted by the ruined city and the high ground known as the mountain of Rheims, is a menace to the German flank. It is too strong to be attacked from in front with any chance of success, so the enemy is trying to turn it from the southwest.

#### THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN FRANCE VIEW THE SITUATION WITH EXTREME CONFIDENCE

While any progress by the Germans on French soil, with the inevitable trail of ruin and desolation, strikes French hearts sorely, the unswerving confidence with which the general public views the situation is most remarkable. No doubt is felt as to the outcome, and there is no weakening in the resolve to fight to the end.

The Havas correspondent at the front, who is considered to know the official view, thus summarizes the situation: The rapid advance of the enemy is due to the temporary numerical inferiority of the Allies, which has completely changed the aspect of the struggle. It is necessary to go back to the beginning of the war for an analogous situation. This is a war of movement where two armies manoeuvre under the open sky.

#### ALLIES HAVE CHOICE OF FIELD OF BATTLE ON WHICH GERMANY'S DESTINY WILL BE DECIDED

"Shall we accept battle this time as we formerly accepted it, on the Marne? That is the secret for our command. The Germans have no illusions as to the value of the success they have gained. They know we have several million picked troops forming in manoeuvring masses which they will have to encounter. If the enemy made the choice of ground for the offensive we have the much more important choice of the field of battle on which Germany's destiny will be decided.

"It will be seen, therefore, that there is no ground for alarm. We probably are witnessing the preliminaries to a great battle which both sides wish to be decisive. Consequently it is comprehensible that our commanders do not act hurriedly, but strictly in accordance with plans agreed upon."

## GERMAN DRIVE SLOWING UP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Zurich, May 31.—Newspapers in southern Germany publish the following note from the German headquarters: "The population should not expect our advance to continue at the same rate as on the first day. The resistance of the enemy is becoming spirited and violent counter attacks are to be expected. The transport of artillery and munitions also is meeting with some difficulties."

Speaking of losses, the note adds that to interpret them correctly, the people should not forget the gravity or importance of the struggle.

## FRENCH GENERAL WAS KILLED

Paris, May 31.—According to the Havas agency correspondent at the front, the French general killed last Tuesday on the field of honor was General Pierre de Vallieres. He was struck by a shell fragment, while leading his men. He was 49 years of age.

## HUN AIRPLANES DRIVEN OFF

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Paris, May 31.—Some airplanes crossed the line in the direction of Paris tonight. The alarm was sounded at 11 o'clock and the all clear signal was given at midnight. The enemy machines were under a heavy fire from the defences of Paris. Some bombs were dropped on the region about the city. There were no casualties.

## FATALITY AT ST. JOHN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
St. John, May 30.—Frederick Lomax of Port Arthur, Ont., was killed, and another man had an ankle broken, and a third escaped injury today when a scaffolding 75 feet in the air broke in the new I. C. R. elevator here. Lomax leaves a wife and child. He was construction superintendent for the F. Eagles Burrow Co., builders of the elevator.

## NAVY LEAGUE REORGANIZED LOCAL BRANCH

### ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS WANTED IN THIS SECTION

Canvass will be Carried Out the Coming Month—Committees Appointed for City Wards.

The executive of the Navy League had a meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms last night to re-organize the Navy League established in Fredericton in the Summer of 1916. The object of the meeting was to further arrangements regarding the membership canvass in this city and the surrounding country with a view of obtaining one thousand members. To carry this out a committee of two was appointed from each ward, viz:

Kings Ward—Mayor Hanson and J. J. F. Winslow.  
Queens Ward—Ald. D. J. Shea and A. A. Shute.  
Carleton Ward—Ald. Wilkinson and another to be elected.  
St. Ann's Ward—W. A. VanWart and R. B. Wallace.  
Wellington Ward—F. W. Porter and H. S. Campbell.

#### To Appoint Canvassers

This Committee will meet at eight o'clock at the Mayor's Office on Wednesday evening the fifth of June together with the Executive of the League in order to appoint thirty canvassers required to carry out the above arrangements.

#### Explanation

By way of explanation it may be stated that there is at present the parent society in England, the Navy League of the British Empire, then there is the Navy League of Canada, Provincial Leagues for each Province and branch leagues for each city or locality. It is proposed by the Fredericton branch to clean up the canvass before the 30th of June in order that the half yearly returns may be sent in to the Parent Society.

St. John, May 31.—While in the midst of his combat with small pox cases in St. John Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical health officer in St. John was bereaved today by the death of his wife, who succumbed to pneumonia.

## HUN LINES ARE WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE MARNE

### The Wedge Driven Into Allied Lines is Getting Narrower and Its Flanks Are Being Firmly Held

Keeping the tide of their advance in the centre flowing strongly, though seemingly less swiftly, toward the Marne, the Germans simultaneously have executed a stroke on the Allied left flank that has extended the battle line westward and virtually linked up the present battlefield with that on the Somme. The attack was delivered along the Ailette river, northwest of Soissons, sweeping forward in the salient that projected between the Somme and the Aisne battlefields, the Germans drove the Allied battle line back so that it now runs northwestward from the vicinity of Soissons through Epigny and Bierancourt to the Oise river apparently at its point of junction with the Oise canal, about eight miles east of Noyon.

The Noyon area was included within the field of the German offensive in March, when the French established new lines along the Oise and the Oise canal to the east and southwest of that town, after being driven back below St. Quentin. The German drive down the Oise valley toward Paris was then checked. The present offensive movement here suggests the possibility of its resumption.

#### TWO MILES FROM THE MARNE

The advance in the centre has now brought the Germans within two miles of the Marne at one point, Paris despatches report. The wedge here appears increasingly narrow, however, and on its flanks below Soissons and Rheims, the enemy is reported firmly held.

The French War Office announces the breaking down of enemy attacks in the Soissons area and to the south, while on Allied right the line extending northwestward toward Rheims from the neighborhood of Vezilly, appears virtually unchanged, the Germans failing in all their efforts to win ground.

The energetic defence on the right wing is exemplified by the fighting at Thillois several miles east of Rheims, where the Germans entered the town, to be driven out by a French counter-attack.

## 236TH OFFICERS SCATTERED IN VARIOUS WAYS

### LT. COL. GUTHRIE IS STILL IN ENGLAND

Major H. H. McLean, of St. John, Talks of Disposition of the MacLean Highlanders.

(St. John Standard)  
Major H. H. McLean, son of Major General McLean, M. P., arrived in the city last night on a short furlough.

Major McLean went overseas with the McLean Kilties as second in command and since the breaking up of that unit has been with one of the reserve battalions in England.

Talking with a Standard representative last night the major said the men of the battalion were now all in France having been drafted to various Highland units, over half of them going to the Royal Highlanders. Some of the officers are already in France and many others expect to go across the channel in the near future.

Lieut. Col. Guthrie was still in England, Major Mersereau came home with Major McLean, Major Laurie came home some months ago but all expect to go back again; Major Ryder and Major Eason were in England the latter in hospital. Capt. Sturdee who filled the position of adjutant of the Kilties, had been adjutant of one of the reserve battalions and he had been highly complimented by the military authorities on the way his work had been performed while with the Kilties. Capt. Black, quartermaster and Capt. McPeake, paymaster, had been given the same positions with the British Columbia reserve battalion and Capt. Black had also come in for praise for the very efficient way his duties had been carried out.

Four of the officers had transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. They were Lieut. Earle Scovill, M. M., Lieut. McKinnon, Lieut. Ryder and Lieut. Stevenson.

Lieut. Budd, D. C. M., was in France as was Lieut. Norman McLean Acting Lieutenants Appleby and Delaney had given up their rank and gone over to France as privates in order to get a crack at the Hun.

Lieut. Derrol Peters, M. M., was in hospital at Shorncliffe. He had been quite ill but was on the mend.

#### MUST TAKE OATH

Dublin, May 31.—A. M. O'Mara, mayor of Limerick, has been ordered by the court of Kings Bench to take the oath of allegiance before exercising his Magisterial functions. The mayor had refused to take the oath.

## STRATEGIC SITUATION LIKE THAT ON THE EVE OF BATTLE OF MARNE

### Paris Newspapers Do Not Attempt to Minimize the Importance of the Situation---Believed That the Worst is Now Past

PARIS, May 31.—The extreme point of the German advance is Lecharmel, about two miles north of the river Marne, according to an outline of the battle front as marked out by newspaper correspondents, the Havas agency says.

The fighting front, it is declared, runs as follows: From Chavigny, north of Soissons, it describes a circle west of that city and rejoins the river Oise south of Soissons. Then it goes to Berzy, follows the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road until near Hartenneo, where it bends southeast to Grand Rozoy. Thence southward, leaving Mulcahy Le Chateau, it passes Nateuil-Notre Dame and advances toward the Marne to Courcy, Brecey, Courpoil and Le Charnel, which marks its extreme southern point. Through Vezilly, Brouillet, Savigny and Thillois, it runs northeastward to the environs of Rheims.

#### COMMENTATORS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE SITUATION WILL SOON BE RESTORED

The newspapers do not attempt to minimize the importance of the German advance. Gabriel Hanotaux, in the Figaro, compares the strategic situation with that on the eve of the battle of the Marne. All the commentators, however, express confidence that the high command will so dispose the Allied troops as to restore the situation, which L'Homme Libre considers to have reached its maximum point of gravity yesterday.

It is the resistance of the two wings of the Allied forces which inspires the confidence of all military critics. To take victorious advantage of the success they have so far gained, the Germans must succeed in bending these two hinges, and all their efforts to do this have up to this time been vain.

#### RESERVES REPORTED TODAY TO BE ARRIVING ON THE BATTLE GROUND WITH ARTILLERY

Another reason for the confident feeling is the arrival of Allied reserves. Besides the mention in the official report of the beginning of intervention by these reserves, the Echo de Paris, in a despatch from the front filed at 2 a. m. today, reports that the reserves are arriving on the battle ground with artillery and auxiliary services. Their entrance into action, the message reports, was effected methodically without any display of nervousness. General Foch and General Petain are working intimately together, it adds, to meet the serious situation.

In commenting on the intervening of fresh forces, L'Homme Libre says it does not appear doubtful that the enemy has reached the extreme point of his advance and that he will encounter the Allied reserve, carefully withheld until a favorable moment shall arrive for a counter-attack.

## NOTED EDITOR PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Toronto, May 31.—John Ross Robertson, president of the Evening Telegram, died this morning. He had been ill for six weeks from pneumonia. Mr. Robertson was one of Canada's foremost journalists and was famed for his deeds of philanthropy. He gave liberally of his means to hospitals and only recently gave \$110,000 to a children's hospital at Toronto, making a total of \$600,000. Mr. Robertson had long been an outstanding figure in the political world and in charitable work of all kinds. Among the monuments to his generosity are the Sick Children's Hospital and the valuable archives of the Historical Association. Mr. Robertson at one time represented a Toronto constituency in the House of Commons, but for the most part has devoted his life to the publishing of his paper.

## THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED

An Atlantic Port, May 30.—That the British people, even after four years of prodigious effort and heartbreaking losses, are determined to continue the war "until the menace of the German Military power is removed from the world, was the message brought back to the United States by the American Labor Mission, which arrived here tonight, after visits to the capitals and many of the principal cities of England and France.

#### AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE

Stockholm, May 31.—The agreement between Sweden and the Allies for a supply of foodstuffs and other vital necessities, in return for Swedish tonnage, is completely acceptable to all shades of opinion. Germany did her utmost to delay negotiations, but Sweden succeeded in carrying her point, owing to Germany's pressing need of wood pulp and iron ore. The negotiations finally took the shape of a contest between the Americans and Germany, and it is learned that they were carried out under the leadership of the United States and through the American legation here.

## TORPEDO WORKS DESTROYED

London, May 31.—The Whitehead torpedo works at St. Poelten, Austria, have been destroyed by fire, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Zurich. Vienna newspapers declare the fire was the result of sabotage by Italian workmen in the plant.

Mrs. C. A. MacVey, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Victoria Hospital, is progressing favorably towards recovery.