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## GERMANS HAVE SHOT THEIR BOLT IN THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

### Statement by French Minister of Marine Shows a Decline in Shipping Losses--- Hun Claims are Proved to be Very Extravagant.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, May 11.—The activity of the submarine campaign is declining. The German government is aware of this fact, declared Marine Minister Leygues before the naval committee of the Chamber of Deputies today, but has made the greatest efforts to conceal it. He says the situation is most favorable and that the sinkings of the submarines the first three months of 1918, through Allied measures, was greater than the number built by the enemy. Minister Leygues referred to the statement made in the Reichstag on April 17 by Vice Admiral Von Capelle, German Minister of Marine, in which he said 600,000 tons of Allied shipping were sunk monthly. This figure, the minister said, was incorrect. It was reached and passed in April, May and June of 1917. In July it declined and in November it fell below 400,000, and since has diminished continuously.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF LOSSES CLAIMED BY THE GERMANS AND TONNAGE ACTUALLY LOST

The minister gave the following comparative table of the tonnage claimed to have been destroyed by Germany and the tonnage actually lost in the past five months.

	Claimed by Germany.	Actual Losses
December . . . . .	702,000 tons	386,277 tons
January . . . . .	632,000 tons	302,459 tons
February . . . . .	689,000 tons	332,522 tons
March . . . . .	680,000 tons	358,660 tons
April . . . . .	600,000 tons	268,704 tons

Minister Leygues said that in February, March and April 3,723 French steamers and 788 French sailing vessels passed through the danger zone, where a few months ago losses by torpedoing had been very heavy. Not a single ship was sunk.

### THE NUMBER OF SUBMARINES DESTROYED HAS INCREASED SUFFICIENT TO SPOIL EFFECTIVENESS

On the other hand, he said, the number of submarines destroyed has increased progressively since January in such proportions that the effectiveness of enemy squadrons cannot be maintained at the minimum required by the regulations. The number of enemy U-boats destroyed in January, February and March was far greater in each month than the number constructed in the same months.

In February, March and April the number of submarines destroyed was three less than the total destroyed in the previous three months.

These results, the minister declared, were due to the methodical character of the war against submarines and the close cordon of the Allied navies, to the intrepidity and spirit animating the officers and crews of naval and aerial squadrons, and to the intensification of the use of old methods and the employment of new ones.

### THOUGH SITUATION IS FAVORABLE, IT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE SLACKENING OF EFFORT

"The situation is most favorable," the minister continued, "but it does not authorize the slackening of effort; rather it is necessary to redouble it as the enemy has shut the submarines from service and is trying a fresh offensive in which he plays for his last stake.

The sea front has no communique. The country does not know the terrible losses after great events occur; yet it is there that there is being played one of the parts which has the greatest influence on the duration and issue of the war. The country knows that mastery of the seas is a certain guarantee of victory. It should know also that the victory belongs to the Allies, who have won it and who will keep it, thanks to the heroism of the sailors, who are worthy of their soldier brothers."

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 13.—Casualties among maritime men are reported as follows:  
**Infantry.**  
Killed in action—Lieut. D. A. Livingston, Cape Breton, N. S.  
Presumed to have died—P. S. McNis, Lower Nappan, N. B.  
Wounded—L. H. Caldwell, Gaspeaux, N. B.; J. A. Miller, Royalton, N. B.; W. Sweeney, St. John.  
Burns—J. F. Kennedy, St. John.  
Died—A. O. Hickson, St. John.  
**Artillery.**  
Wounded—P. Cyr, Campbellton, N. B.; D. Boyd, Moncton, N. B.  
**Machine Gun Company.**

## CONSTANTINE RECOVERING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, May 12.—Former King Constantine of Greece, who is ill at Zurich recently was reported to have passed the danger point, it is now said in a Zurich despatch to the Petit Journal to be in a very grave condition. He has had a relapse and has fever.  
Wounded—C. H. Flowers, Campbellton, N. B.  
**Forestry Corps.**  
Wounded—J. B. Rioux, St. Isidore, N. B.

## GOOD WORDS FROM HUN FOR LLOYD GEORGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, May 12.—Colonel Richard Gaedke, the well known German Military writer, in reviewing the situation in Asia Minor and Palestine in the Vorwaerts, points out that if the British succeed in their object of cutting the Hedjaz railway Arabia will be probably lost to Turkey. He says that a substantial political importance must, therefore, be ascribed to the fighting in Palestine.  
"Lloyd George is right," Colonel Gaedke says, "when he does not permit himself to be turned away from his object by press attacks."

## REFUGEES WILL FIGHT AGAIN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
A Pacific Port, May 13.—En route to the fighting front where they expect again to take up arms, 325 Belgian and Italian soldiers, the majority of them officers, arrived here today from an Oriental port, refugees, they said, from Bolshevik rule in Russia.

## MOTHERS' DAY OBSERVED AT MARYSVILLE

Marysville, May 13.—Yesterday was observed in the local churches as Mothers' Day, and special sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached by the different ministers. Many persons were seen wearing the white flower which signified that mother had crossed the bar and lived only in the memory of her children. Many others were wearing the colored flower which told that mother was still in the land of the living. Special programmes of music were also rendered at the different churches.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, pastor of the Main Street Baptist church, preached an eloquent sermon at the service yesterday morning, taking for his text the Fifth Commandment. He referred to the sentiment which is becoming more and more prevalent that Mothers' Day should be changed and the day observed as Parents' Day, as the father, although not composed of as fine a fibre as the mother, still was capable of fine feeling and emotion.

Mr. J. McP. Peterson sang a pleasing solo at the morning service of the Main Street Baptist church yesterday.

## GERMANS TRYING HARD TO FORCE A DECISION

### Will Concentrate Every Available Unit in an Enormous Offensive---The Allies are Conserving Man Power.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, May 13.—In the text of a cabled despatch of war operations and armies, the war committee of the British cabinet states:

"The position now is that the Germans, determined to concentrate every available unit on one enormous offensive, are draining their country dry to force a decision before it is too late; while the Entente are so confident that, having been given the choice of a small immediate American army for defence, or waiting till they are reinforced by a complete and powerful self-supporting American army, they have chosen the latter.

"To the sledge-hammer use of masses of men by the enemy, the Allies are opposing the strategy of meeting the blow with the smallest force capable of standing up to the shock, while saving the strongest reserve possible.

"In the present operations the British army has withstood many times its own weight of enemy masses; it has retired slowly, exacting the fullest price. Meanwhile Foch holds the bulk of the French army in reserve, sending units only to points hard pressed.

### Huns Have Called a Halt.

"The German commander, seeing how near he is to delivering himself to the Allied reserve, has been compelled to accept temporary failure and call a halt. His reserves have nearly reached complete exhaustion. Those of the French and British are still intact, while the American preparations develop. The time draws closer when defeat is inevitable.

"Therefore, he must renew the offensive. His preparations proceed feverishly, but it takes months to properly organize such an offensive. He must be satisfied with what he can do in the next few weeks."

## Some Artillery Activity On Western Battlefront

## FOOD PRICES IN ENGLAND TO BE REDUCED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, May 13.—The government purposes to place under the control of the food ministry the purchase and production of food so that stocks may be assured and distribution made more equal, says the Daily Mail.

"It is felt that by this arrangement in various markets," the paper continues, "prices will be reduced for the benefit of the consumers and rationing made easier.

Andrew Weir, surveyor general of the food supply at the War Office, has been invited to co-operate owing to his great experience in the buying of food in the world's markets and shipping it.

The government has been conferring with the Allied Powers with a view to arranging a combination of interests, so that meat, grain and other essential foodstuffs can be bought for joint account and placed under one control. Information concerning the plan probably will be given to parliament the coming week."

## A FAVORABLE TRADE POLICY

Washington, May 13.—The war trade board announced today that applications for licenses authorizing exportation to Canada of vegetable oils imported from the Orient, entering United States at Pacific coast ports and passing through in bond on through export bills of lading will be favorably considered, provided the shipments have been purchased by Canadian firms for consumption in Canada, and they are routed to pass into Canada at Duluth, Minn., or at a border point west of that city.

## PROROGATION MAY BE DELAYED

Ottawa, May 13.—There is considerable doubt as to the ability of parliament to conclude its business in time for prorogation ceremonies on Saturday. It is quite probable that the House will still have two or three days' business to dispose of at the end of the week, and that prorogation will not take place until Wednesday, May 22nd or Thursday, May 23rd.

## Some Guns Active on Both Sides of the Avre River and Also in the Somme Valley---Extravagant Claims Being Made by the Huns.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, May 13.—Active artillery fighting in Picardy on both sides of the Avre river, is reported in today's official statement, which follows: "Our artillery and the enemy's were active at different points along the front north and south of the Avre. In Lorraine a French detachment penetrated the German lines north of Nomeny and brought back twenty prisoners. In the region of St. Die a German raid was broken up by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quietness."

LONDON, May 13.—"The hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme Valley and Albert sectors; also between Locon and the forest of Nieppe, on the Flanders front," says today's official announcement.

### THE GERMANS ARE MAKING EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS REGARDING BRITISH CASUALTIES

With the British Army in France, May 13.—The Germans have recently made some most extravagant claims in their wireless despatches regarding the British casualties, it being said that "enormous losses" had been suffered by the various British units on the Lys and Somme battlefields.

It is now possible to give the losses of a few of the units referred to. The German statement asserted that the fifty-sixth division was "almost completely wiped out." This division lost 43 officers and 1,425 other ranks. The Berkshire regiment was, according to the Germans, "annihilated." The Berkshire casualties were actually 15 officers and 300 of other ranks. Berlin asserted that the 23rd Royal Fusiliers regiment was "among the regiments which have suffered most heavily." This unit lost 5 officers and 250 other ranks. The 4th Yorkshires, Berlin quoted, "were almost annihilated." The Yorkshires had 194 men missing.

### THE ENTENTE WILL HOLD THE GERMANS IN CHECK UNTIL AMERICAN ARMY BECOMES FIT

WASHINGTON, May 13.—News of the British statement that the Entente is so confident of its ability to hold the Germans that the American army is not to be used until it becomes a complete and self-supporting force, was received by state officials here with frank delight. It was evident, however, that officials of the War Department are puzzled by the Ottawa despatch quoting the British war summary.

In the absence of Secretary Baker, no one would talk officially, but the impression was given that no information had reached the department to indicate an intention to change the announced policy of bringing Americans up with the British and French armies so as to hasten their arrival at the front to aid in stemming the German assault.

### Germany's Mistake.

London, May 13.—The carrying through of the American effort, the Morning Post says today, means the turning of the scale against the enemy. Germany, it says, never made a more profound or more fatal miscalculation than when she held the power of America to be cheap.

## GERMANY HAS A FIRM GRIP ON POLAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Geneva, May 13.—Poland is handed over to Germany economically, politically and militarily, according to the terms of a secret treaty signed at Brest-Litovsk between a delegation of the Russian government headed by Leon Trotsky and German representatives, according to the Gazette of Lausanne.  
The newspaper guarantees the authenticity of the treaty, which consists of seven clauses and which it prints.  
By the fifth clause, Russia is bound to support at a peace conference the contention that the Polish question concerns Germany alone, and is not an international one.

## DEMANDS THE DEATH PENALTY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Paris, May 12.—Captain Marnett the prosecutor in the case of the directors of the Bonnet Rouge, the Germanophile newspaper, who are on trial for treason, ended his summing up last night by dramatically demanding sentence of death upon Duval and Marion. His words caused a sensation. He said he would leave the other defendant to the decision of the court.

## THE HUNS ARE WELL TREATED BY CAPTORS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, May 13.—The newspapers publish an extract from an intercepted letter written by a captured German prisoner to his parents. The German writes:  
"We are here in Jaffa (Palestine) in a very nice English hospital, in absolutely first class care. The doctors and sisters are first rate; very friendly. The treatment and food are splendid. My pilot and myself have a large fine room to ourselves. It is absolutely princely. Yesterday and today too we had many visitors. English flying officers are all very friendly. They brought us books, chocolates, cigarettes, etc. As yet we have only been astonished at our treatment because it is so good."

## GERMANY'S LOST TRADE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Zurich, May 12.—It will require the labor of many generations to restore Germany's commercial relations, Finance Minister Von Pistorius declared in an address to the Wurttemberg Diet. Even with neutrals, he added, German merchants would have greater difficulties than heretofore.