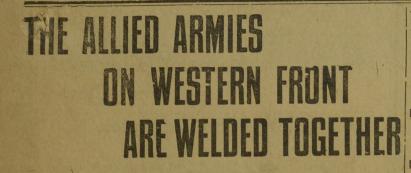
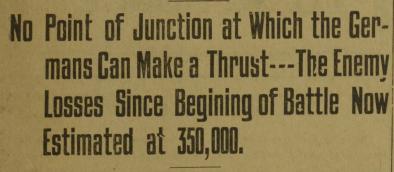


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(Canadian Press direct wire.)

blows, the Allied armies seem to be welded together as never road was in a most extraordinary con- and Mrs. J. W. Valentine of King Locre and south of Ypres. before. There is now no point of junction at which the Ger- dition of disrepair last spring and street, and is highly pleased at the mans can thrust. The process of welding together the two armies in complete, but it will not stop there. Franco-British gentleman, whose name would at once if severely wounded. divisions will be moved about on a solidly knitted front at the appeal to very many of the business wish of our high command as freshly as German divisions.

Against the enemy's territorial gains must be set the fact that he had to throw 140 divisions into battle in five weeks. A disclosing the writer. The letter is piece of shell had been taken out of considerable number fo these have been twice engaged and as follows:

ESTIMATED THAT THE HUNS HAVE ALREADY THROWN OVER 2,500,000 MEN INTO THE BATTLE

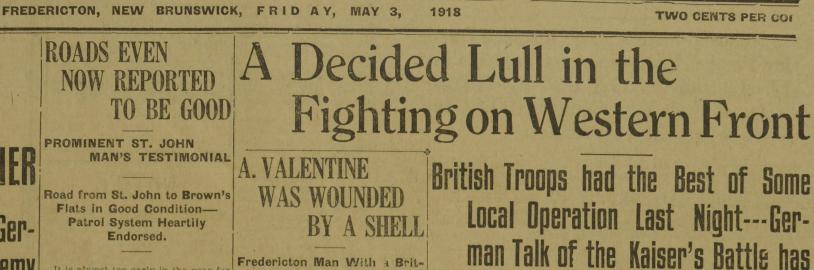
one half million men whom the enemy has already put into this time of year. battle. As a German division is never withdrawn until it has sustained severe losses, on an average of 2,500 it is reasonable there were only two or three soft General Hospital and spoke in the to reckon the enemy's losses since the beginning of the battle and Westfield, and I had no trouble receiving from doctors and nurses. at not less than 350,000.

The Germans began the offensive with a reserve of 650,000 through Westfield and above as far as England and expressed the belief that in depots in France and at home. Behind there there is only Brown's Flats is as dry as in summer he never would be sent back to last for a long time yet, is commented upon in London as time-The 1919-20 class, consisting of youths, half of whom are un- and not a rut in the whole distance. der eighteen. The enemy's genuine fighting reserve is thus heif-exhausted before he has covered anything like half the estance to his goal.

THE GERMANS START A HEAVY BOMBARDMENT WITH GAS SHELLS AROUND VILLERS-BRETONNEUX

British Headquarters in France, May 3.-Early this morning the Germans heavily bombarded with gas shells and high explosives the area west of Merris and around Villers-Bretonneux. There was no infantry action. Possibly the purpose of this road in perfect condition for their practice barrages is with a view to an early resumption long time of their offensive.

We have been profiling by the lull to prepare to meet any fresh enemy effort. During Wednesday we carried out a successful local enterprise south of the Ancre, advancing our front over a width of nearly a mile to a depth of four hundred yards. The weather has improved and the airmen are doing deadly "You will probably appreciate thi work over enemy positions.



Vanished.

It is almost too early in the year for ne Department of Public Works and Minister to be receiving letters ongratulating them upon the condiion of the highways and yet, one of the best known wholesale merchants in the city of St. John wrote a letter people of the province, is such a mark

St. John, N. B., April 30, 1918 Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, Fredericton, N. B.

motoring to Brown's Flats over the changed their minds about leaving

"In the whole distance of 28 miles

"This condition is a great improve men't over last year, and one can readily see that it is owing to the excellent work which you had done on these from Fredericton for a number of

road has made a great improvement. at Valcartier with the original First "Patrol work along this road now, with a small truck such as you used the autumn of 1914 and going to last fall, filling in a little gravel where France during the following winter. bad spots may appear would maintain

"I felt that a word of appreciation was due you for the great improve ment you have made in such a short time, especially in the upper part of this road from Westfield to Brown'

all the more when I tell you that am a Conservative, supporting the Foster government.

"Yours very truly,

ish Columbia Unit Since 1914, Expects to Come Home.

One Fredericton man who has serv ed in France for upwards of three to the Minister of Public Works under years in a British Columbia battalion date of April 30th, speaking in warm is now in England in hospital recov terms of approbation of the work that ering from the effects of wounds in summer, the statement made by this prospect of returning to Canada even

Two letters were written by him (while in hospital in France one April 13th and the other two days later. In consented to its publication without the first letter he wrote that one more the muscles of his back and that an- Ypres. other was to be left in. For two days it had not been known whether he would live or die, but he was then feel "Dear Sir :--- I had the pleasure of ing better. The surgeons evidently

er piece of shell had been cut out. Pri vate Valentine then was in No. 5 spots in the road between Grand Bay highest terms of the treatment he was France. A pass to Canada was being

Private Valentine had been away ing and cutting out of trees along the enlisted in British Columbia and was Contingent, crossing to England in

Messrs. J. E. Arrowsmith and C. O. Foss of St. John, are registered at the

Queen. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gillan of Wood-stock, are registered at the Barker House.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 3 .--- In the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonneux, on the front before Amiens, the British gained the advantage in local fighting during the night, the War Office anhad been done upon the roads between the back from shell fragments. He nounces. On the northern front there was active artillery French Army Headquarters, May 2.-Under the German Brown's Flats and St. John. As this is Private Albert Valentine, son of Mr. fighting, especially near Givenchy, the forest of De Nieppe . nd

The text of the statement reads: "Local fighting took place to our advantage last night in the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonneux. We carried out successful raids south of Arras and east of St. Venant, in the course of which ten prisoners and five machine guns were captured by our troops. The artillery had been active on both sides during the night at Givenchy and Forest de Nieppe, in the neighborhood of Locre and south of

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS INSTRUCTED TO WARN THE PEOPLE THAT A NEW SEDAN IS IMPOSSIBLE

LONDON, May 3 .--- It is noteworthy that with the Iull in the Adding these reappearances together, there is a total of week-end, and was surprised to find the other shell fragment in the flesh, fighting since the German defeat at Ypres all German talk of the 'Kaiser's Battle' has vanished. The German experts and newspapers have now been instructed to warn the people that no new Sedan is possible, that Ypres is very strong, and the British fought most stubborning and after all Ypres is not of importance for the Germans. They declare that the German in getting over these. The road In two days he expected to be sent to command may decide not to take Ypres.

Sir William Robertson's warning that the war is likely to The Times refers to a despatch from Washington stating eagerly looked forward to by the that diplomats anticipate a peace move, but that no offer of mediation, even from the Pope, will be considered. Any proposal of peace must come from Germany, the Times declares. roads last fall. The gravelling, ditch. years when the war broke out. He The Allies will meet any such move with the same unbroken front as they met the latest military offensive.

FRENCH MILITARY CRITIC GIVES A MOST

ENCOURAGING REPORT ON THE SITUATION

PARIS, May 3.-Henri Bidou, the distinguished military critic of the Journal De Debats, who has just returned from the Queen. Mrs. William Harper of Chelmsford, is a guest at the Queen. Mr. T. J. Riley of Ashland, N. J., is among the arrivals at the Queen. Mr. L. F. Roberts of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. Louis Horvitz of Cornwall. is registered at the Barker House. Mrs. J. W. Clarke of Chelmsford, is among the recent arrivals at the Queen. Mr. L. C. Roberts of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House. Mrs. J. W. Clarke of Chelmsford, is among the recent arrivals at the Queen. Mrs. J. W. Clarke of Chelmsford, is among the recent arrivals at the Queen. front, gave Reuter's correspondent a most encouraging account

GENERAL FOCH NOW BECOMES COMMANDER OF ALL THE ALLIED TROOPS IN THE WEST

PARIS, May 3.---The military authority of General Foch as en extended to all th western fronts, and the General now becomes commander in chief of all the Allied armies in the west, says Marcil Hutin, in the Echo de Paris. M. Hutin met Premier Clemenceau on his return from the meeting of the Supreme War Council at Abbeville. The Premier, without going into details, expressed satisfaction with the results of the conference.

VISITED BY A DISASTROUS FIRE

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

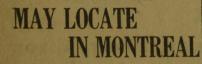
THE TOWN OF THREE RIVERS IS

QUEBEC, May 3.-The thriving city of Three Rivers is once again threat ened with the worst conflagration in years. As it is, at 10.30, half a score of husiness houses and residences on Bonaventure street, are in ruins and the fire is still spreading. The entire fire fighting force is on the scene, and are putting up a strenuous fight against the flames, but the latter seem to have had the better of it so far. Help has been asked for from Quebec, Montreal, Shawinigan Falls, Grand Mere and other neighboring places.

The fire started at about 10.15 this morning. At 11.15 forty houses on Bonaventure street had been burned up. The people were driven out of their homes on all the side streets from St. Denis to Pleasant Street.

TWO SOLDIERS NEW YORK CREMATED **STOCK MARKET**

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Omaha, Neb., May 2.—Two soldiers were burned todeath and 18 men seri-ously burned, when a captive observa-tion balloon of the Cacquot type ex ded tonight at Florence Field, the an ay balloon school at Fort Omaha, near here, according to a statement by Col, H. B. Hersey, post command-ant. (Canadian Press direct wire.)



Montreal, May 3.—E. M. Macdonald, former member of parliament for Pic-try, N. S., who was in the city tonight, ated before he left for Ottawa that the question of his location here as a practising lawyer would be settled within the next few days.

Mr. J. E. Littlefield of Bangor, Me. is registered at the Queen Hotel.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, May 3.— Stocks were fairly strong at the opening of to-day's market, except for pressure against the automobile group General against the automobile group General motors lost one and three quarter points, and Studebaker one point. Pools showed their activity, nota-bly Superior and Lackawana steels, Sumatra tobacco, tobacco products, Central Leather, American Can and some of the petroleums, at gains of large fractions to 1½ points. United States Steel moved within narrow limits. Moderate offerings cancelled most gains before the end of the first half hour. Liberty Bonds were irregular.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. G. A. Taylor and son Allison, who have been spending the winter in the South with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. W. Lemont, have returned home.

BRITISH MERCHANT SHIP HAD FIGHT WITH U-BOAT

Had Canadian Officers and men on board--Submarine was Hit and May Have Been THE GOVERNMENT WILL GO RIGHT Put Out of Business.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

BOSTON, May 3.-One of the biggest and fastest of British steamers locked here last night and brought a story of a battle with one of Germany's and the Daily Chronicle today say that the government is going ahead with U-boats of the newest and largest type. The gun crew believe the submarine the Irish Home Rule bill, which is assuming definite shape. The Times says was sunk, and they are sure that it was at least disabled.

under convoy. Four hours later, in the dead of the night, the officer on watch tablish a federal principle for the kingdom. It would possess a parliament sighted a "feather"-the descriptive name give to the arrow-tail like wake for the whole of Ireland, with specific powers recommended in the report of of a torpedo.

a periscope about a mile and a quarter astern. A moment later shells were may be provide d in the form of an Ulster committee with power f veto dropping all around the periscope. But the U-boat was not then ready to give up the attack. The first torpedo went wild, but the second came uncomfortably close to the vessel's stern. The ship was firing at the submarine, which

by this time had come to the surface.

THE U-BOAT DISAPPEARED. A dozen Canadian officers at the rail watched every shot fired by the gun crew and they all agreed that the twelfth and fourteenth shots appeared to be fair hits. At any rate, immediately after the fourteenth shot the U-boat disappeared. Wireless calls had been sent out and a little fleet of destroyers came puffing up like fire engines answering a triple alarm. They scouted about the sea looking for periscopes or wreckage, but found neither. So the

Among the passengers, in addition to the Canadian officers, were a num

'How is the situation at the front?" asked the writer.

"General Foch is very optimistic; that's all I can tell you," was the reply.

AHEAD WITH HOME RULE BILL

LONDON, Contrary to the Daily News' statement of vesterday, the Times it understands that the government is approaching the subject from the For thirty-six hours after leaving a European port, the big vessel was standpoint of a general constitutional revision and the preamble would esthe Irish convention. There is reason to believe, adds the Times, besides the The gun crew sprang to position just as the great searchlight centred on safeguards for Ulster suggested by the convention, that a further safeguard over legislation and possibly of administration affecting Ulster.

Valley Railway Work.

St. John Times, Thursday: Thomas

in the city this morning, left on the steamer Champlain for the scene of construction operations on the Valley Railway. A certain amount of work has been in progress all winter, chief ly on the big rock cut at Woodmans' Point, but Mr. Cozzolino said today that it is possible to put on more men now that the weather is favorable and already the number has been added to. The company expects to complete its contract before the summer is over.

