

VOL. XXIV., No. 121

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1918

THE TURKS IN

MESOPOTAMIA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

The Turks have shown no activity

little resistance and retreated hastily further up the river."

MEAT SHORTAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 21-The Canada Food Board was today in receipt of a cable

from the British ministry of Food containing the news that meat econ-

and bacon shortage in Great Britain, and have made possible the restora-

tion of the normal compulsory ration-

IS RELIEVED

BRITAIN'S

ARE INACTIVE

TWO CENTS PER COPY

HUMAN TREATMENT OF BRITISH PRISONERS AT HUN PRISON CAMPS

The London Times Gives Prominence to German Atrocities---Men Compelled to Live in Holes in the Ground---Soldiers Tortured and Murdered.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 22.-The Times gives prominence to further German atrocities, systematic tortures and cold blooded murders of British prisoners in Germany, in which the sum total of the evidence is incredibly inhuman.

Ther eis the instance of the British soldier at Minden, who was deliberately shot dead because a dozen Britsh prisoners did not want to draw the ration of filthy wash served as coffee.

At Merzeberg a number of seriously wounded and wholly unfit British soldiers were, after vain protests, forced to work twelve hours a day. Soon this did not satisfy the Germans, who ordered the British to commence at four in the morning. The men refused, but after brutal blows all except two gave in. Sentries with kicks and blows drove the two resisters over to the work. One of these British soldiers held up a badly wound ed hand to show the sentries he was unfit for work. He was thereupon shot dead and the body thrown inside into a dirty wisch house. A German officer on a visit of inspection shook hands with the murderer. The body was buried the following day in the presence of a crowd of jeering Germans.

SOLDIER STRIPPED, TIED TO A BARREL AND POUNDED WITH STAVES BY BRUTAL HUNS

At Schneidmuesl, the British prisoners, without huts, had to live in holes in the ground which the prisoners themselves scooped out. One day a sentry gave an order to one of the Britishers which was not understood. The sentry rushed at the prisoner and struck him, the latter thereupon going to his hole in the ground. German officers then ordered that an exand be made of this British prisoner, although he had committed no offence. He was seized, stripped to the waist and tied to a barrel. Six Germans with thick wooden staves which were used for holding up barbed wire, beat the prisoner for ten minutes over the head and bare back and body. The prisoner, who was then in a swoon, was tied to a post and left Subsequently, a German officer came up and struck the prisoner with his sword and spat at him, calling him "English swine." The prisoner never recovered, dying a short time later, and neutral representatives visiting the camp were informed that his death was from typhus.

FIFTY SOLDIERS DIED AT ONE CAMP AS A RESULT OF CALCULATED NEGLECT AND ILL TREATMENT

was not one of newly arrested persons, it was stated, but mere-At Langenzalza camp, three hundred wounded British soldiers arrived in the night time and were herded into a large hut ly a small number who had been before detained at local barwithout bedding or blankets. By the next morning five had racks. According to the local newspapers, Count Plunkett died. The remainder were taken out and left in the sun for vas the only prominent person in the party monstration at the dock, as the police officials had been carethree hours, when seven more died. Subsequently, through calculated neglect and ill treatment. ful to keep the arrangements for the prisoners' departure secret from the public. The Associated Press learns that there fifty succumbed. The funerals at this camp from the summer still remains a considerable list of "suspects" who may be takof 1917 to the spring of 1918 were the grossest scandals, and the details in the evidence are too revolting for publication. en into custody at any time. Considerable significance is attached to the calling into conference here of the military chiefs from Belfast and Cork.

SHOT WHILE **RESISTING THE DOM. POLICE**

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Moncton, N. B., May 22.—The young man Lawrence Sawyer, of St. Edou-ards, about 8 or 9 miles from Buc-touche, Kent county, who was shot while resisting the Dominion police on Sunday night, ard evading the Military Service Act, is reported today to be resting easily. The wound is a dan-gerous one, being through the abdo-men, but the doctor expresses hopeful-ness that the young man will pull that the young man will pull rough.

through. Sawyer ran two miles through the woods wounded and bleeding. The last part of his terrible midnight jour-ney was upon his hands and knees, before he reached the nearest neigh-bor's house. (Canadian Fress direct whee) London, May 22—Turkish troops in Mesopotamia north of Bagdad dis-alry has advanced north of Tekrit on the Tigris to Fatha, an official state-ment on operations in Mesopotamia

PROHIBITIONISTS WIN SKIRMISH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

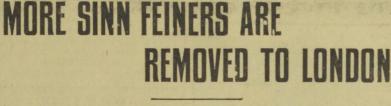
(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, May 21—Prohibition advocates in the House today won the first skirmish in a fight to force pres-ident Wilson to exercise his war time authority to prohibit the sale of light wines and beers as well as whisky, the disstilling of which ceased last Santember under a precidential prece-September under a presidential proc amation.

lamation. Sitting as a committee of the whole the house adopted 69 to 58, an amend-ment to the food production bill pro-hibiting the expenditure of any part of the \$11,000,000, the measure carried until the president issues a procla-mation prohibiting the use of foo.-stuffs in the manufacture of intoxi-cating liguor of any kind. The amendment will come to a re-

The amendment will come to a re-cord vote in the House before final pas sage of the bill and opponents expect States have greatly relieved the meat to defeat it then.

Capt. B. M. Hay, R.A.F., St John, s at the Queen. Mr. C. Bruneau of Quebec, is at the Oueen. Queen. Major and Mrs. F. G. Goodspeed of St. John, are at the Barker House. ro slackening in Canadian efforts to

country.



Arrangements for Their Departure From Ireland Were Kept Secret---More Suspects Likely to be Arrested.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

DUBLIN, May 22.- A further consignment of Sinn Fein prisoners left Dublin today on the way to England. The group

British Raiding Parties Enter the German Trenches

A Number of Prisoners and Machine Guns Were Captured---Enemy Artillery Showing Activity in the Different Sectors--Gas Attacks by Yankees.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 22 .- In the sector southeast of Arras, German trenches were entered at two points last night by the British raiding parties, says today's official statement. Priso lers and a machine gun were taken.

"The Turks have shown no activity since they were driven across the Les-ser Zab on May 11. Removal of large quantites of military stores captured in Kirkuk proceeds without interrup-tion. On the Tigris our mounted troops have advanced as far as Fatha. The Turks holding the village offered little resistance and retreated chastly The statement reads: "A number of successful raids were carried out by us last night on different parts of the front. In the sector southeast of Arras our troops entered the German trenches at two points and captured fourteen prisoners and a machine gun. Other raiding parties brought back a few prisoners from the enemy's positions in the neighborhood of Locon and in the sector between the forest of Nieppe and Meteren.

A HOSTILE RAIDING PARTY WAS REPULSED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS NORTH OF ALBERT

"North of the Ypres-Comines canal, sixteen prisoners were captured by us. A hostile raiding party approached our lines ast night north of Albert. It was repulsed.

"Balloons and airplanes were again very active on Monday. Several long distance reconnaissances were completed and many photographs and observations taken. Bombing airplanes droppe dtwenty-two tons of bombs on enemy railway stations and other works . Twelve German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting, two others were driven down out of control, and another was brought down by gun fire. Two hosfile balloons were destroyed. Four British airplanes missing.

ONE THOUSAND GERMAN AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY THE BRITISH IN A SPACE OF TWO MONTHS

LONDON, May 22 .- An official statement on aerial operations tonight says: "Since the beginning of the German offensive, exactly two months ago, one thousand German airplanes have been brought down or driven down out of control, and more than a thousand tons of bombs have been dropped over he enemy's lines. During Monday night airdromes in the neighborhood of Ghent, Tournai and St. Quentin used by the enemy's night bombing machines, were heavily attacked. At eight o'clock in the morning of May 21, twenty-two heavy oombs were dropped on railway stations at Namur and Charleoi. One of our machines has not returned.

Is Von Hinderburg Dead?

With the British Army in France, May 22 .- The rumor that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg died recently has become current very generally among the enemy in the back areas, as well as among civilians. What ground, if any, there is for this rumor, is not known here.

What the Germans Say.

Berlin, via London, May 22.—Heavy fighting on the northern side of the Lys salient in the Flanders battlefield is reported n the official statement by the War Office today, which says that strong Allied attacks were repulsed. During the last three days 59 enemy machines and three captive balloons have been brought down.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN **BOHEMIA AND MANY ARE JAILED**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 22,-Martial law has been proclaimed in Bohemia, and in consequence of "popular excesses" many persons have been imprisoned, says a despatch to the Daily Mail from Berne. Outbreaks have occurred in Pilsen Nachod and other towns. The vast estates of Prince Furstenburg, a close friend of the German Emperor, have been plundered and the buildings on them looted. Von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, it is added, has summoned the Czech Stanek to discuss the situation. Deputies of the Stanek have declined and have warned the Premier against a policy of violence in Bohemia fearing evidently that the indiscriminate hangings and shootings in Galicia at the beginning of the war are to be repeated in Bohemia

FOOD SCARCE SUCCESSFUL HALF YEAR IN GERMANY

(Canadian Press direct wire.) (Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, May 21—The semi-annual statement of the bank of Montreal, issued today, is of particular interest since, owing to the entry of the Uni-ted States Canada has been thrown on its own financial resources, shows the institutions assets made a new high record of \$426,322,096. Deposits have gained by over \$33,000,000, while the profit and loss account the result ample margin over dividend and bonus requirements. The profit for the six mights amounted to \$1,287,586, com-pared with \$1,182,610 last year. Added to the balance the amount available for distribution was \$2,952,470.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, May 22 .- The food situation in Germany, officials here believe, is the most critical it has been will have to be made.

Mr. F. C. Hunter of St. Stephen, is in the city.

Feud Growing Bitter.

Dublin, May 22.-The events of the past few days have not drawn as much support to the Sinn Feiners as they expected from the more moderate Irish parties. Indeed, there are indications that the feud between the Sinn Fein and the Nationalists has only grown more bitter.

To sum the attitude of the two factions, it may be said that the Nationalists believe in constitutional methods offsetting the Irish question, while the Sinn Fein demands revolution, and the Nationalists consider that the Sinn Feiners by their revolutionary tactics are spoiling Ireland's best chance of a satisfactory

BANK CLERKS WILL BE NEEDED **TO HANDLE NEXT VICTORY LOAN**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, May 22.-There was a sequel in the House this morning to yesterday's decision on the Yukon election case. The Solicitor General inroduced a bill for extending, in the case of the Yukon territory, the period in which a petition may be filed by forty days after the general returning officer has made his return.

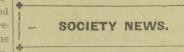
at any time. Information reaching Washington from many sources indi-cate that even with the reduced ra-tions planned for June 15, the coun-On the orders of the day, Sir George Foster informed Hon. Charles Murtry will not have enough food to carry port in June and July, had been granted exemption to next January. The the population through to the next reason given for such exemption, he said, was that the clerks would be required to help in the next victory loan.

> Sir Geo. Foster, in reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, also promised to bring the matter of men being called from farms in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces for immediate military duty when they were most needed for seeding.

CONFER WITH HARVEST IN PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, May 21.—Important ques-ions confronting the farmers of Can-da were taken up this morning at the nal meeting of the agricultural com-tittee. T. A. Crerar addressed the ted Press upon his return today from members, speaking mainly in regard to the co-operation of the federal and provincial departments of agriculture. He thought there was much to be done in co-ordinating and unifying the un-dertakings of the departments, and to that end he proposed to hold a confer-the end of the era of restriction and proce of ministers and of the that the restaurants at present in that the thought the second the the second the second the second that end he proposed to hold a confer-the end of the era of restriction and present in the second the sec provincial and federal agricultural de-would be wise to make adequate preparations.

of the committee in regard to the ad-ministration of the Canada Food Food Board and in reply Mr. Crerar ed that the work of the board was ex remely difficult.



Dr. and Mrs. Carter are optimized and some houses along the root of the week in St. John. Mrs. J. R. MacIntosh of Ottawa, for-merly of St. John, and her son, Mr. Alex. MacIntosh, are spending a week hore guests at the Queen Hotel.

FRANCE WILL BE GOOD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

eliminated

complaints were made by members HEAVY RAINS IN QUEBEC

Quebec, May 21.-A torrential rain fall yesterday evening caused heavy damage to scores of private residences at the foot of the cliff in the varwards of the lower town. The downpour soon filled the streets to a level well Dr. and Mrs. Carter are spending above the sidewalks. Numerous cel-