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## Confident That Hun Flood Will Soon Be Dammed

### Reports From Western Battlefront Are Encouraging --- As Allied Reserves Come Into Play Balance Will Soon Be Restored---Todays Official Report

PARIS, May 30.—The German flood will soon be dammed, says a semi-official note issued today, summarizing the situation between Rheims and Soissons. The note says: "The Germans again progressed yesterday, but while on the one hand they failed to pierce our line, on the other is comforting to observe that their march was slackened considerably by the arrival of our reserves."

"As these come into play, the balance will gradually be restored and soon the German flood will be dammed. The French command retains undisguised confidence based on the power of our reserves and the incomparable valor of our soldiers."

### FRENCH HOLD WESTERN OUTLET OF SOISSONS AFTER A NIGHT OF CONTINUOUS FIGHTING

PARIS, May 30.—The battle along the fighting front continued all night, with the French maintaining the western outlets of Soissons, the War Office announced today. Northwest of Rheims the Franco-British forces broke all the German assaults and maintained the defensive positions. French reserves are continuing to arrive on the front, and the German advance is being resisted with great tenacity.

In the centre of the German advance fighting is taking place in the neighborhood of Vezilly, about 18 miles south of the Chemin des Dames, where the attack was launched Wednesday. The statement follows:

### FRENCH TROOPS ARE OPPOSING THE GERMAN ONSLAUGHT WITH INDOMITABLE TENACITY

"The battle continued with undiminished violence during the night. French troops energetically maintained the western outlets of Soissons, and the enemy, notwithstanding repeated efforts, was not able to debouch from the town."

Further south, encounters of extreme violence developed in the region of the road between Soissons and Hartennes, and on the front between Fere-en-Tardenois and Vezilly, where French troops, supported by reserves, are opposing the German advance with indomitable tenacity. On the right, Franco-British troops along the front between Brouillet and Thillois, and to the northwest of Rheims, broke all assaults and maintained their positions."

### GERMAN ATTACKS ON ALLIED POSITIONS IN FLANDERS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY REPULSED

LONDON, May 30.—A German attack on a strong Allied position in Flanders, northwest of Festubert, has been repulsed completely, it is officially announced, as follows:

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## GERMANS TRYING HARD TO CAPTURE AMERICANS

### Kept Up Harrassing Fire on Sector Occupied by Uncle Sam's Troops---Bombs Dropped on American Hospitals

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 30.—After a period of almost unprecedented quiet, the American sector northwest of Toul salient, has become very active. Last night and today the Germans threw over hundreds of shells of all sizes and kept up a destructive and harrassing fire. The American guns have been just as busy and are giving the enemy more than he sends. The artillery duel continues strong tonight.

German airplanes also were very active today, but as a strong wind was blowing from Germany and American navigators were constantly on the alert, few enemy machines ventured across the lines. Those that did were driven back promptly. There were several aerial battles, but so far there have been no reports of enemy machines having been brought down.

The purpose of the German attack today against the American position near Brement, east of Luneville, was to capture Americans. The determined resistance, however, repulsed the enemy with heavy losses and no Americans were taken prisoners.

### HUNS AGAIN SHELL HOSPITALS.

The Germans attacked at three points and at one point a group of fourteen got into the American trenches. Nine of the fourteen were killed, four are prisoners and one died of wounds. The prisoners reported that they were ordered to capture Americans at any cost, their superiors being anxious to determine where American troops are stationed and their present strength.

German airmen last night deliberately dropped bombs on hospitals in which there were scores of American and hundreds of French sick and wounded. The hospital is in a town many miles in the rear of the front. A number of Americans were slightly injured by flying glass. One French nurse was killed and another injured, probably fatally. Several civilians died of wounds.

## CANADIAN HEAVYWEIGHT KNOCKED OUT

Denver, Col., May 29.—Jack Dempsey, of Salt Lake City, knocked out Arthur Pelky, the Canadian heavyweight, in the first round of a scheduled fifteen round bout here tonight. The bout lasted only one minute.

Dempsey opened the fight by pushing Pelky, who stumbled and fell before a blow had been delivered. Pelky regained his feet and went into action. Dempsey sent a right to him and Pelky fell to the canvas for a count of six. He again arose and Dempsey drove a left to the jaw, knocking Pelky out.

## RAILWAYMEN HAD CLOSE CALL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Sherbrooke, Que., May 30.—The Y. M. C. A. building at Island Pond, Vt., was destroyed by fire this morning and the fifteen inmates, mostly railway employees, had a narrow escape.

As it was, five men were injured when they jumped from upper story windows to escape the flames, the fire escapes being cut off. A trainman named Davidson was brought to Sherbrooke today and his condition is critical.

## CONFIDENT OF ALLIES' SUCCESS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Paris, May 30.—The Havas correspondent at the French front quotes an example of the fraternity in arms of the British and French forces. At Craonne a British division which had been sorely tried, joined a French colonial division and viciously counter-attacked four German divisions. The correspondent says perfect harmony exists between British and French troops all along the line of battle, and confidence is everywhere felt that the German tide will be stemmed.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, May 28.—Denmark's first assembly under constitution giving equal suffrage to men and women was formerly opened by King Christian in the new Christiansborg Palace on the site of the old palace, burned 34 years ago. Interest was added by the presence of the first time of the nine women members.

The address from the throne emphasized the governments intention to continue its policy of strict neutrality.

## TO HANDLE EQUIPMENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Washington, May 30.—Two hundred thousand men of the draft age, who, because of minor physical defects have been held by examining surgeons over the country for limited military service, are to be employed in producing or handling equipment for the army. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced tonight that the army staff corps will utilize the services of these registrants and thus release fighting men for the front line.

## PATRIOTIC FUND DISBURSEMENTS FOR A MONTH

Following is a statement regarding the expenditure for relief and expense for May, 1918, Fredericton Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund:

No. Cases.	Amt. per family.	Average per family, exclusive of expense, \$14.74.
132 Fredericton...	\$1,952.00	\$14.78
104 York Co. ....	1,515.00	14.56
35 Sunbury Co. ....	540.00	15.43
25 Marysville .....	377.00	15.08
2 Outside Relief ..	10.00	5.00
298	\$4,394.00	
Expense.....	106.45	
	\$4,500.45	

Average per family, including expense, \$15.10.

Mr. F. W. Tapley of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

## N. S. DOCTOR DISCUSSES TUBERCULOSIS

### Fresh Air, Sunshine and Exercise, in Proper Proportion, Never Fail to Bring Results.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Hamilton, Ont., May 30.—The treatment of tuberculosis did not begin and end with fresh air and exercise, nor fresh air and rest, but the three, properly proportioned, brought results, declared Dr. A. F. Miller, of Kentville, N. S., at the annual convention today of the Canadian Medical Association.

While admitting that sanatoriums had not measured up to the expectations of the public, he showed that the public did not really understand their functions.

"Standing by themselves, they cannot reduce to any appreciable extent the spread of the disease," he said.

He contended that the state should provide local clinics for those who took home treatment before or after sanatorium treatment. "With good after care in the homes of the patients, sanatoriums will try and carry out the work intended they should do."

The officers of the Canadian Medical Protective Association for the ensuing year include J. A. Camirand, Sherbrooke, Que., vice-president; A. C. Miller, of Nova Scotia, is also a member of the new executive.

## FRENCH FRONT EVERYWHERE HOLDS SOLID

Paris, May 29.—The German drive is not yet completely stopped, but nowhere has our lines been broken. All parts of the French front is solid and the Germans have obtained nothing to be compared with what took place in the first days of the March offensive, all critics assert. La Liberté says that the French command is absolutely convinced it can overcome the serious difficulties which they are asked to meet.

This is founded on the power of its reserves and the morale of its army, which remains intact.

The Temps says that in the face of the formidable and tragic battle, France has no fear for the future, and stands erect in the confidence that the Allied cause will triumph over the methods of terrorism of an enemy devoid of nobility of soul, weariness or mourning cannot turn the nation away from its sacred duty.

### LATE CHARLES H. THOMAS

Impressive funeral of ex-mayor this afternoon Under Pythian Auspices.

The funeral of the late Charles H. Thomas, ex-mayor of Fredericton took place this afternoon from his late residence, Waterloo Row, and was most impressive. Many took the opportunity of paying a last tribute of respect to the deceased. The service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Young, pastor of the Methodist Church. The choir of the church was present and sang a number of hymns.

The funeral was under the auspices of Fredericton Lodge, Knights of Pythias of which the deceased was one of the oldest members. Music was furnished by the Fredericton Brass Band. The city was represented by members of the city council and a delegation of civic officials.

The mourners were Frank T. Thomas, E. G. Hoben, Harry Hoben, A. D. Thomas, W. J. Glenn, F. P. Hatt, George G. Parker. The pall bearers were members of the Pythian Order. The floral tributes were very numerous a carriage being used to convey them to the grave.

### Monday a Holiday.

His Worship Mayor Hanson stated this morning that Monday next, June 3rd, the King's birthday, is to be observed locally as a public holiday. The day is a statutory holiday and observed by all banks and public offices. The Retail Merchants' Association has decided to observe the holiday generally.

### Pennsylvania Motorists

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loomis and Lydia Loomis of Lansford, Pa., are registered at the Queen Hotel. The party arrived yesterday by motor and the coupe car driven by Mr. Loomis has been much noticed about the city.

### Presumed to Have Died.

G. McDonald, of Lower Hainesville, serving with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, is in the casualties as presumed to have died.

### Death in Devon

Malcolm Brown died this morning at his home in Devon after a short illness at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a native of Nashua, but had lived in Devon for some time. He is survived by a widow two sons and two daughters. The sons are Arthur Brown of Douglas and Harry Brown of Devon. The daughters are Mrs. John McAleer and Mrs. D. R. Hanson of Devon.

## HUNS THROWING EVERY OUNCE OF MAN-POWER INTO GREAT STRUGGLE

### The Enemy's Efforts to Broaden the Front Not Meeting With Success---Allies' Confident That Advancing Waves Will Shortly Be Stemmed

PARIS, May 30.—Increasing violence marks the progress of the fighting south of the Aisne. The Germans are fighting against time and are throwing every ounce of weight of man-power into the struggle.

On the centre the enemy has again pushed forward, but his efforts to broaden his advancing front have met with less success. The Allied wings have been obliged to give some ground but this action was carried out slowly and the full price was exacted from the enemy.

Soissons has gone and the British have fallen back toward Rheims, but in either case the enemy has only won a couple of miles of territory. In competent circles there is quiet confidence in the outcome, and signs are not lacking that the advancing waves shortly will be stemmed. Unity of command puts the Allies in a better condition than they were in the March offensive. On that occasion French reinforcements came into action on the third day and on the eighth the Germans were definitely stopped. Today things should go more quickly.

### THE ALLIES' RESERVES ARE MASSING AT CERTAIN POINTS WITHOUT ANY CONFUSION

The Germans have been obliged to leave their guns on the northern side of the original line, which can be crossed only at a certain number of points which are highly vulnerable to the Allied airplanes. The enemy is thus prevented from reaping the full benefits of his rapid advance.

Meanwhile the Allied reserves are massing at certain points without any of the confusion that attended the similar movement in March. So well perfected are the arrangements that an entire division can be moved by motor truck from the Somme to Rheims in 48 hours and arrive without a button missing.

As the battle proceeds, the enemy's purpose becomes plain. It is two-fold. First of all, eighteen miles south of the Vesle flows the Marne, which forms with the Oise, one of the great avenues of approach to Paris. Along its course runs the Chaulons railroad, the main eastern artery.

### THOUGH SOISSONS WAS EVACUATED, THE FRENCH HOLD ALL ROADS LEADING FROM THE TOWN

To gain a footing in the Marne valley, or even to approach within artillery range of it, would be an appreciable result. That is sufficient to show why the Germans continue to push southward so vigorously. Their advance there yesterday, however, amounted to only three and a half miles, as against five and a half miles on the first day of the attack and seven on the second. This indicates the growing force of the opposition which the enemy is encountering.

The second objective, which the German staff considers even more important, judging by the efforts made at Soissons, is to broaden the salient to the westward. By enlarging the action there, the German Crown Prince intends to approach nearer to Paris on the direct route. The French command is fully aware of the importance of this movement. Though Soissons was evacuated to prevent needless sacrifice of men, the French hold all the roads leading out of the town.

## GERMANS USING MORE TANKS IN THIS DRIVE THAN EVER BEFORE

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 30.—In their initial onslaught Monday, the Germans are believed to have used more tanks than ever before, says Reuter's correspondent with the British forces on the French front, writing Wednesday. The Fiftieth British division near Craonne withstood a gas attack of three hours and held the Germans in the attempt to reach the Aisne until "the men were drowned under the German combbers." The same fate overtook the French division to the right of the British Fiftieth. After falling back, the Fiftieth made a gallant attempt to recapture Craonne, but was defeated by the machine gun fire from the enemy tanks. In the end the Fiftieth was obliged to fall back toward the river.

## THREE KILLED IN SMASHUP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Benton Harbor, Mich., May 30.—Three members of the crew of a combination freight and passenger train on the Buchanan branch of the Pere Marquette railway were killed and a score of passengers injured when the engine jumped the track and fell over an embankment two miles west of Buchanan late yesterday.

## STEAM TRAWLER ON N. S. COAST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 30.—The Canada Food Board announced today that a large Nova Scotia wholesale fish producing company has chartered a Danish steam trawler which will be put into operation almost immediately out of Nova Scotia ports. This makes five steam trawlers now operating out of Canadian maritime ports.