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GREAT GERMAN OFFENSIVE STARTS ON 40 MILE FRONT

Heavy Attacks Launched Against British and French Positions. Enemy's Main Objective Not Yet Known But Paris and Coast Cities Are Indicated.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 27.—This morning Germany launched what is believed to be her great drive on the Western front. Strong attacks were made in great force against the British and French positions on Rheims and Soissons. The attack covers a front of about 40 miles and extends from the forest of Pinen to the South of Rheims on the British front. In the north an attack was also launched against the Lys salient. The British and French troops hold the Rheims salient, showing that General Foch was prepared and probably has large forces massed there. According to latest despatches from the front, it is believed possible that the enemy may be attempting to strike through to the Channel ports and Paris. The thrust between Loere and Voormezele on the north of the Flanders front measures about eight miles and is the place where the Germans met a bloody defeat in their last attempt to break through. The attack in the south between Soissons and Rheims is the distinctive feature of this new attack, as it strikes at the Channel ports and Paris.

GERMANS MAKE SOME PROGRESS

LONDON, May 27.—The British report that the Germans in today's drive made some small progress in some places. The attack of the enemy in the sector northwest of Kemmel appears to be directed against the ground captured by the French on May 20th. The attack was launched at 4.30 this morning and was preceded by a heavy bombardment. There was great activity of the enemy in the sectors between Arras and Albert early this morning, but no infantry action has ensued up to ten o'clock.

CANADIANS CAPTURE PRISONERS

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, May 27.—Fourteen prisoners and a machine gun were captured, enemy posts destroyed and many dugouts bombed in Canadian raids this morning. The enemy taken is on the alert, and shows better morale than the troops encountered.

AMERICANS KNOCK OUT 32 HUN GUNS

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN PICARDY, May 26.—Since the Americans took over a Picardy sector the American batteries have knocked out approximately thirty-two enemy cannon through excellent counter-battery work. The records show that in addition several enemy batteries of four guns each have been forced to pull out of their positions and withdraw across a small stream in the enemy's rear.

AMERICAN ARMY IS NOW 2,000,000

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, May 27.—More than 2,000,000 Americans will be sent abroad during May and the number will be much exceeded next month, members of the Senate Military Committee were told today. The full strength of the army is now 2,000,000 men, Chairman Dent of the House Military Committee announced today. He added, "We have between 13,000 and 14,000 airplanes with our army in France, at least 200 of which are fighting machines."

GERMANY'S AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 27.—Germany got 7 battleships, 2 cruisers, 10 destroyers and submarine when she entered Seebopol. At Germany gets control of Finland for twenty years by a new agreement, Finland is to raise 100,000 men to be at the disposal of Germany against Russia.

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, May 28.—Local showers or thunderstorms. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 53 degrees above and the lowest the previous night was 35. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it was 46 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.35, and tomorrow at 1.11; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.40, and Thursday at 3.01. The sun sets this evening at 5.48 and tomorrow at 5.34; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.40 and Thursday at 5.40. The moon rises tonight at 11.28. There was a full moon on Saturday, May 26th, at 6.32 p.m. The last quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, June 2nd at 12.29 a.m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and seven minutes.

SOLDIERS RIOT IN HALIFAX

(Special to The Guardian)
HALIFAX, May 27.—The arrest of two returned soldiers and a sailor in Halifax led to a riot last night in which attempt was made by the mob to burn the city hall. The rioters cut the hose but the fire was put out. Property damage will total \$10,000. As far as known, no one was seriously hurt in the melee. The trouble started about eight o'clock on Saturday night when two British sailors were arrested by Policeman Inor in F.W. Woolworth Co's five and ten cent store on Barrington street for refusing payment for the purchase of a cake of soap. One of the sailors was taken to the police station at the City Hall; but the other escaped and evidently enlisted the sympathy of a number of soldiers and blue jackets. Some of the soldiers were arrested in the rioting, causing the feeling of the mob to run still higher. The Military was called out, but the arrested men eventually were released to quiet the mob.

ANOTHER GERMAN ATTEMPT FAILED

The latest attempt of the Teutons was made early yesterday morning at Mesnil St. George's, west of Montdidier. This was also repulsed.

AMERICANS INFLICT LOSSES ON ENEMY

PARIS, May 27.—American troops in the Picardy section inflicted losses in killed and wounded on the enemy. TWENTY-FOUR ENEMY AIRPLANES DOWNED BY BRITISH

BRITISH CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 27.—Many prisoners were taken in successful raids by the British north of Albert and near Bethune. The German onslaughts failed utterly, the men being slaughtered before they reached the Allied wire. The big guns were aflame and enemy airmen left the heavens almost entirely to the Allies. Intense artillery fire both in Flanders and Picardy has been varied only when raids and patrol encounters were undertaken, in which the Allied troops have secured prisoners and some machine guns.

GERMANY MAKES GOOD LOSS IN DUTCH SHIPS

(Special to The Guardian)
AMSTERDAM, May 27.—Two enemy ships have been given to the Dutch. These two left East Indies for Holland in Belgian relief service under an agreement. Germany will replace six vessels sunk by the U-boats.

GERMAN SUB SUNK BY BRITISH

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 27.—A German submarine was sunk near Cape St. Vincent by a British submarine. There were no survivors.

AUSTRIAN ROYALTY STONED BY BULGARIANS

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, May 27.—A train bearing the Emperor and Empress of Austria met with hostile demonstrations. The train came by way of Sofia and was stoned by Bulgarian troops. Even some rifle shots were fired, and several members of the royal entourage were injured by glass from the windows. Not a cheer was heard when the Austrian Royal coup passed through Bulgarian stations, there being small military demonstrations.

VON HINDENBURG DOWN WITH TYPHOID FEVER

(Special to The Guardian)
GENEVA, May 27.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German General Staff, is in a hospital at Strassburg suffering from typhoid fever, according to reports from that city. These advices state that the report of von Hindenburg's death is incorrect, but that his condition is critical. Typhoid fever is said to be spreading rapidly in the German army.

BRITISH SUCCESSES IN MESOPOTAMIA

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 27.—Large areas of Mesopotamia have been cleared of the enemy, denying him the most fertile districts at a time when the crops are just ripening. Three thousand prisoners have been captured together with many cannon, machine guns and an enormous amount of booty by the British operating in the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates since March, according to the official correspondent with the field forces in that theatre of the war.

PRINCE ARTHUR NOW AT WASHINGTON

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 26.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, first cousin of King George, who is on a special mission from the King to the Emperor of Japan, was in Washington yesterday and paid a call of courtesy on President Wilson.

MANNHEIM DUCAL PALACE BOMBED

Chemical Factory and Railway Station Also Damaged by British Airmen.

(Special to The Guardian)
BASEL, May 26.—The east wing of the Grand Ducal Palace at Mannheim was struck by bombs during the recent British air raid. The royal residents had left for Berlin. Two tons of bombs were dropped within the city. They destroyed the chemical factory and damaged the railway station. Incomplete accounts of the raid describe it as the most terrifying of any of the three which have been carried out there during the war.

LUDENDORFF WANTS TOWN OF BETHUNE

Fortified Stronghold is Drenched With Gas Probably Preparatory to Attempt to Take it—Both Armentieres and Somme Fronts Decidedly Active for Twenty-Four Hours—Violent Artillery Action East of Amiens.

LONDON, May 27.—Both the Armentieres and Somme front have been decidedly active during the past twenty-four hours, the deluges of gas at Bethune and the violent artillery action east of Amiens featuring the reports of the Anglo-French leaders. Scores of reconnaissance raids and patrol encounters are reported along the whole front. Both sides are showing anxiety for the test of the strength of the forces in the various sectors. This third anniversary of Italy's entry into the war is marked by considerable activity along the Piave. The unusual feature of the German tactics is found in the gassing of the Bethune area without any infantry engagements developing afterwards. For three days the enemy has devoted his chief attention to the southern rim of the Armentieres basin, Nieppe Forest and Bethune being under an almost constant fire of high explosives, and gas shells. The German counter blow near Meriville was only a minor operation. The explanation of the lavish use of gas shells near Bethune may be found in the fact that the Germans intend to make a frontal attack on the town and they know that it is practically impossible to destroy the British defences by the use of high explosives. A parallel is to be found in the tactics before Armentieres which Field Marshal Haig reported was evacuated because it was filled with gas. Bethune rests in a low country crossed by canals and ditches where the gas hangs heavy. Its capture would enthrall the British between Givency and Loos, and any considerable enemy success would lead to the turning of Vimy Ridge, which the Canadians stormed at Easter time last year.

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A Decisive Struggle

Ludendorff will either win a great victory or lose the initiative perhaps for all times if America fulfills all expectations. Statesmen and soldiers have stated several times recently their belief that the war will end this year. The peace with Russia is far from being as satisfactory to the Jingo party in Germany as it is to the social Democrats. The agile Herr Erserberger is about to the embarrassment of the stolid imperial chancellor Hertling and Ludendorff just give the fatherland some substantial nourishment during the next few months of the German internal situation. It is bound to prove troublesome, before snow falls. Though the allied people view the future with anxiety, it must be remembered that the same anxiety exists in Germany.

Gigantic Hun Army

Ludendorff has massed a gigantic weight of men and material by which

TO STUDY HABITS OF THE LOBSTER

Mr. Andrew Halkett, naturalist of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is registered at the Victoria Hotel. He will start investigation work along the north shore of the Island and will remain here until towards the close of the fishing season. He intends to follow up his work which he has been carrying on in the provinces by the sea, for a number of years back. He will go out with the fishermen in their boats, study the habits of the lobsters, the development of the eggs, the moulting, etc. gathering all possible biological data which will be embodied in a report which he will later submit to the Department. Mr. Halkett is also here on another mission. An educational campaign has been started in the Maritime Provinces, among the packers interested, in the prosecution and preservation of the lobster industry. Mr. Halkett will be one of the speakers at meetings to be held, and will meet here another speaker, Dr. Knight of Queen's University, Kingston, who is now in New Brunswick, and is coming here shortly. The object of this educational campaign is to stir up the interest of all concerned to preserve an industry that has gone down in many places. Mr. Halkett was on the Island in 1916 when he carried on a biological investigation along the coast from Cape Traverse to West Cape. Mr. Perry, who also takes part in the educational campaign, is expected to arrive on the Island soon.

PUTTING THE BRAKES ON AUTOMOBILES

Yesterday, Monday, was a field day for automobiles in the Attorney-General's Office. Complaints having come in against a number of auto drivers, they were notified and a number of them fined. Three car owners for going by Kingston Church while services were going on, on Sunday the 19th inst., acknowledged infringement of the Act and each paid a fine. Another party for going through Bonshaw at a greater speed than that provided by the Act also acknowledged and paid a fine. Another car owner, for driving parties under the influence of liquor had his license suspended. There are a number of other cases pending and they will be dealt with at an early date. It is the intention to enforce the Act regardless of individuals and motor car drivers may just as well make up their minds that no leniency will be exercised.

MEAT RATION IN SAXONY

NEW YORK, May 23.—Camel meat, for meat and horse meat are being eaten in Saxony by the poorer classes, according to the Berliner Tageblatt of April 7th, a copy of which has been received here.

OSTEND NOT YET USED BY GERMANS

Vindictive Has Been Moved but Harbor Still Impeded by Other Sunken Ships.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 26.—The Germans have succeeded in shifting the concrete laden cruiser Vindictive, sunk in the harbor of Ostend on May 10th by British raiding forces. The Vindictive, according to the Times, is now lying close alongside the western pier, leaving a passage of about 30 feet wide. This is enough to allow destroyers to go in and out, but nevertheless the Germans are not using the harbor. Unsuccessful attempts have been made by the Germans to dredge a passage way between the two old cruisers sunk in the harbor by British raiding forces. The Vindictive, according to the Times, is now lying close alongside the western pier, leaving a passage of about 30 feet wide. This is enough to allow destroyers to go in and out, but nevertheless the Germans are not using the harbor. Unsuccessful attempts have been made by the Germans to dredge a passage way between the two old cruisers sunk in the harbor by British raiding forces. The Vindictive, according to the Times, is now lying close alongside the western pier, leaving a passage of about 30 feet wide. This is enough to allow destroyers to go in and out, but nevertheless the Germans are not using the harbor. Unsuccessful attempts have been made by the Germans to dredge a passage way between the two old cruisers sunk in the harbor by British raiding forces.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Beaconsfield House, the Home of the Late Mr. H. J. Cundall, Bequeathed as a Girl's Home. Miss James in a Splendid Address Tells the Objects of the Association. A Branch Formed Here.

An interested gathering assembled in Prince of Wales College Hall last evening at the meeting called to arrange for the organizing of a branch of the Y. W. C. A. in Charlottetown. His Worship Mayor Wright presided. Mr. Justice Hazard, representing the trustees of the Cundall Estate, submitted a statement to the effect that they would agree to put Beaconsfield House, the residence of the late Mr. H. J. Cundall, at the disposal of the Y. W. C. A. of Charlottetown, to remodel it to meet the requirements of the case, resume the responsibilities for taxes, insurance and repairs, and that the house be furnished by the estate at a cost not exceeding \$3,000. Mr. Hazard also stated that the estate would make a grant of \$500 towards fuel and light.

Miss E. F. Jones, National Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spoke in somewhat detailed terms of the nature of the organization. She gave an inspiring picture of the world-wide character of the Association, showing how girls of all lands are knit together in trying to live with the single aim of living for Jesus Christ. She touched upon the work done in other lands, and one point particularly interesting was the fact that when the world's committee chose as their motto "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord" and discussed the point as to what language they would use on the pin issued by the world's committee a member said, "Why not put it in the language in which it is written" and that pin with its Hebrew inscription has today found its way into the most every country and has made an opportunity for an approach to Jewish girls.

Miss Jones gave a general outline of the Canadian Y. W. C. A. showing that the years since the war have been years of progress and advance. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

With regard to the opportunity here of the establishing of a Y. W. C. A. Miss Jones congratulated this city on the splendid opportunity given to its citizens of establishing a magnificent work for the girls of the town, and urged all present to give their enthusiastic support to the movement.

It was moved by Rev. T. W. Murphy, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Ferguson, and carried unanimously, that a provisional committee of ladies be appointed to organize the Y. W. C. A. in this place. Out of this will grow committees which will give any number of women an opportunity of service in helping to launch the organization.

Blank forms were distributed asking those present to express their willingness to become members of the organization. There are three forms of membership: (1) Life members, the fee for which is \$100; (2) Sustaining members contributing \$5, or upwards yearly to the maintenance of the association; and (3) regular active membership at \$1.00 a year. After singing of the hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," Miss Jones showed a most interesting set of lantern slides, showing the Ontario college girls at work on the farms. Last year there were 800 college girls in a Y. W. C. A. camp, and this year both in Ontario and British Columbia the association is working with the government in its plans for women labor.

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RESULTS OF PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS' LICENSE

CLASS I
Marks necessary to pass 700.
Laura Fraser, Belmont 805.
Katie Walsh, Elliotville, 719.

CLASS II
Marks necessary to pass 630.
John Cass, North River 731.
Edmund Donohoe, Cardigan 691.
John Farmer, Kirkcova 657.
Rita Campbell, O'Leary 652.
Charles Blair, Georgetown 641.
Laurotta Rice, Glenora 632.
Marion Reid, Stanley Ridge 630.
Annie McCabe, Kirkcova 630.

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