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## IMPENDING CRISIS IN BRITISH COMMONS

### House Now Brought to Straight Choice Between Approving Military or Political Command of War Government.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, England, May 9.—If General Maurice goes down, he drags the war office and the higher military command down with him. If Lloyd George goes down in the House of Commons, his defeat will carry down the best hope of maintaining a unified organization for the overthrow of Germany. The British House of Commons is brought to a straight choice between approving the higher military command of the war office and the higher political command of the war government.

#### GOVERNMENT SUMMONS ITS SUPPORTERS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—The Government has issued a summons to its supporters requesting their attendance in the House of Commons on Thursday when "Mr. Asquith will move a resolution which, if carried, will be a vote of censure of the government."

"A division is absolutely certain," says the call.  
According to the Press Association, the proposal to refer the Maurice affair to two judges may be regarded as withdrawn, as the suggestion did not appeal to the members of the House and its followers rendered it worthless.

On the other hand, it is added, it is doubtful whether any other form of inquiry will be held, and it is likely.

## LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE

### ASQUITH'S MOTION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES REJECTED BY VOTE OF 293 TO 106

LONDON, May 9.—Ex-Premier Asquith's motion for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by General Maurice was rejected in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 293 to 106.

#### "GENERAL MAURICE ACTED UNFAIRLY."

LONDON, May 9.—"General Maurice was as responsible as anybody for my figures from the War Office," declared Premier Lloyd George, in replying to former Premier Asquith, when the Maurice charges were debated in the House of Commons this afternoon. "General Maurice's action was unprecedented," continued the Premier. "He did not act fairly. He should have made his charges before the cabinet."

Premier Lloyd George was cheered loudly when he arose to speak.

## P. W. C. GRADUATION LIST

#### SECOND YEAR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Provisional List  
(In Alphabetical Order)

Ruth Beaton, Commercial Cross,  
Nellie Bernard, North Rustico  
Arthur Boates, Summerside  
Harold Cain, Summerside  
Lowell Compton, St. Eleanor's  
Mildred Conrad, Sturzon  
Florence Craswell, Malpeque  
Laura Driscoll, Hillsboro  
Loris Dunn, Gasparaux  
Hilda Gillis, Arlington  
Amy Linkletter, Summerside  
Cecilia MacDonald, Panmore Island  
Mary Macdonald, Whit Road Cross  
Annie MacInyre, Fingish  
Adele MacPherson, Brookfield  
Hodgson Morrissey, Georgetown  
Clare Cahill, Alberton  
Francis Nelligan, Norway  
Homer Norton, Cardigan  
Ina Phillips, Arlington  
Vernon Smith, Middleton  
Myrtle Stewart, Charlottetown  
Jean Tall, Charlottetown  
Charles Vickerson, Hermitage  
William Wallace, Alma  
Frances Schurman, Central Bedouet  
Ellnor Lowe, City  
Horace Walsh, Ellerslie  
Alysa Shaw, Brackley Point

#### FIRST YEAR CERTIFICATES

(Provisional Lists)

Richard Anderson, Charlottetown  
Marie Rose Arsenault, Mt. Carmel  
Gladys Arsenault, Maximville  
Bessie Barrett, Wheatley River  
Raymond Barrett, North River  
Harrison Bell, Tryon  
Aggie Birch, Port Hill  
Sadie Bisson, Souris West  
Isabel Brown, Charlottetown  
Kathleen Bourne, Port Hill  
Sara Bruce, Milton Cross  
Clare Cahill, Alberton  
Leona Cameron, Wellington  
Thompson Campbell, Ch'town  
Ruth Cameron, Augustine Cove  
Elvira Campbell, Montague  
Annie Chaisson, Rollo Bay  
Maud Ching, Bothwell  
Annie Cole, Alberton  
Vera Costain, Minningash  
Katie Coyle, Charlottetown

ly the Premier will give the House the fullest possible information concerning the public safety, citing figures in proof of his statement of the relative strength of the army in January, 1917, and January, 1918, as regards other matters involved in the statement of General Maurice, it is understood, that an explanation perfectly consistent with both versions will be made.

#### GOVERNMENT WILL LIKELY WIN OUT

LONDON, May 9.—The general opinion is that the government will win a victory in the House of Commons tonight.

Irish Nationalist members are not returning, and it is resolved, in political circles, that Mr. Lloyd George will be able to present a most satisfactory case for himself and Hon. Law in reply to General Maurice's allegations that they made misstatements about the army.

In parliament the prevailing idea is that when the Prime Minister makes his statement Mr. Asquith will not take the responsibility of forcing a division. The expressed belief in the Commons is that, with the assistance of the Unionists who have been dissatisfied with the recent course of events, the government will obtain a vote of confidence by handsome majority.

## THE GERMANS PREPARE TO RESUME OFFENSIVE

### Have Begun Heavy Bombardment Southeast of Ypres with Evident Intention of Capturing Poperinghe-Ypres Railway. Germans Penetrated British Positions at Some Points but Along Five Mile Front Have Been Generally Repulsed and Later Driven from Positions Entered.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—What may prove to be the prelude to the long expected resumption of hostilities by the Germans on the western front is being placed.

Southeast of Ypres, from the region of Voormezele to Laelytse, the Germans have launched an attack against the British and French troops holding the line, and at certain points have penetrated to within a few miles of the five-mile battlefront, they have met with some success by penetrating front line trenches. Apparently, however, over the greater part of the field of combat they met with repulse.

As is usual, the enemy began the attack after a heavy preliminary bombardment. The ground gained is a ridge of wood, around which places hard fighting was continuing at last accounts.

The objective of the enemy seems to be the pushing forward of his line in this region in order still further to outflank Ypres on the southwest and press on toward Poperinghe, and the railway line running between that town and Ypres.

#### BRITISH DROVE THEM OUT

Assuming the offensive the British last night drove the Germans from positions gained in the Allied front line on the Flanders front between Laelytse and Voormezele.

Further progress was made by the British on the front east of Amiens between the Somme and the Ancre Rivers.

#### CANADIANS ENGAGED

Canadian troops from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick early yesterday morning entered the enemy posts at Neuville Vitasse and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners and machine guns.

#### SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN BOHEMIA

(Special to The Guardian.)  
COPENHAGEN, May 9.—In letters to the Neue Freie Presse, the burgomasters of Bohemia described the food situation as desperate. For several weeks, Innisbruck and other cities have been without meat, and the bread made of maize and meal rations have been reduced, and it is often impossible to get even these small rations.

#### FINLAND TO HAVE GERMAN MONARCH

(Special to The Guardian.)  
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#### TWELVE HOSTILE MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—The official statement of aerial operations tonight says: "Four hundred bombs were dropped on different targets along the front. Twelve hostile machines were brought down in air fighting, eight of which were accounted for in a single encounter in the neighborhood of Donal. A German observation balloon was brought down in flames. Some of our machines are missing."

#### OVER 40 GERMAN WARSHIPS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY SUBMARINES

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—A British Admiralty return shows that over forty German warships have been successfully attacked by submarines.

#### GERMAN AMERICAN SPY CAPTURED

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, May 9.—A German-American spy was captured adding a German prisoner to escape. Both had donned American uniforms and were attempting to cross into Belgian lines.

#### AUSTRALIANS MADE SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

(Special to The Guardian.)  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—The Australians last night made another advance pushing forward their lines five hundred yards along a front of five hundred yards near Sailly-le-Sec, on the sector east of Amiens. They also pushed back the Germans three hundred yards along a front of five hundred yards west of Morlancoeur, just above Sailly-le-Sec, capturing and destroying a heavy barrage, the Germans were unable to prevent their advance.

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#### ENORMOUS PROFITS BY THE MILLERS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, May 9.—Hon. T. W. Patterson expects to issue this week a report which Mrs. George Hamilton has made into the profits of the Milling companies of Canada. The report consists of some sixty pages and is being typewritten. It is said that the report will show that some of the companies made enormous profits, although they favor a policy of conciliation made it an essential condition that all concerned must have publicly declared their willingness to act in conformity with the principles of no annexations or punitive indemnities and the right of national self-determination.

#### WESTERN CITY STREETS CLEAR OF LOAFERS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, May 9.—The anti-loafing law has worked wonders," said J. F. McGee, director of labor, on his return from the west. "The streets of the towns and cities of the west to day are entirely clear of men who have no permanent jobs."

#### JAP OFFICIALS ARRESTED BY RUSSIANS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—A Reuter dispatch from Tokyo says that the Russian authorities at Irkutsk have arrested the Japanese vice-consul and also the president of the Japanese association, on the charge of being military spies.

#### COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*Reserve Tuesday evening May 14th for the Minstrel Show in Pownall Hall. Come and have a laugh. Admission 25 and 15 cents. 4911

## LORD LANDSDOWNE ON PEACE PROSPECTS

### Thinks Peace by Negotiation is Only Way and That Knockout Blow is Impossible.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
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Those expecting a peace would come through a knockout blow, he said, should tell the country how that blow could be delivered or the cost of delivering it. There existed a great body of opinion in Germany and Austria he declared which was sick of the butchery, and desirous of stopping it early.

#### EIGHT U.S. GUNNERS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PORT WORTH, Texas, May 9.—Eight American gunners were killed and seven injured more or less seriously near Benbrook, a few miles east of Fort Worth, when a three inch shell exploded at three o'clock this afternoon.

#### BRITISH ENTER TURKISH TOWN

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—British troops on May 7 entered the Turkish town of Kerkak, 80 miles south east of Aleppo in Mesopotamia, the British war office announced today. The British met with no opposition. The Turks on retiring left 600 men in the Kerkak hospital.

#### TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOW ENFORCED

(Special to the Guardian.)  
TORONTO, May 9.—Intending passengers must show that the proposed trip has an adequate reason behind it, otherwise no person will be allowed to travel by train in Great Britain in future.

The issue of season tickets will be greatly restricted. This will affect a large number of citizens who have moved to places outside of London owing to air raids and travel has and forth each day.

#### CONSTANTINE HAS NOT LONG TO LIVE

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, May 9.—Former King Constantine of Greece is seriously ill at Zurich, Switzerland, according to a despatch to the Temps from Zurich. Those at the bedside of the former monarch, according to the correspondent, regard a fatal termination of his illness as not improbable.

#### AMERICANS SOON TO RAISE \$100,000,000 MORE FOR RED CROSS

(Special to The Guardian.)  
WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross Week" and calling upon the American people to contribute to the second \$100,000,000 war fund of the American Red Cross for the alleviation of suffering among the American troops in France and their dependents at home and among the fighting forces and civilian populations of the allied countries.

#### SHIPMENTS OF ANTHRACITE TO CANADA RESTRICTED

(Special to The Guardian.)  
WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Fuel Administration today revised, effective May 8, special orders issued last week diverting bituminous coal to New England and also announced the restriction of shipments of anthracite coal to Canada. This action followed a conference recently held in Canada with coal operators, miners and railways of Canada.

An agreement reached provides that no American anthracite will be shipped by rail to west of Winnipeg and shipment to Western Canada will be materially restricted.

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#### HUN SOCIALISTS MUST CHANGE POLICY

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 7.—Arthur Henderson, leader of the labor members of the House of Commons, in an interview today regarding the statement that the German Social Democratic leaders had declared that only by complete victory on the western front accompanied by annexations and indemnities, could a solution of the war be reached, said: "Those of us who favor a policy of conciliation made it an essential condition that all concerned must have publicly declared their willingness to act in conformity with the principles of no annexations or punitive indemnities and the right of national self-determination."

"There is no question of a conference being now possible until the German Socialists have accepted this position and are ready to press their Government to apply these principles honestly and unreservedly to every question of political and territorial adjustment with which any subsequent peace conference will have to deal."

#### THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, May 9.—Tomorrow, fair and comparatively cool.  
The tide will be high this morning at 10:17 and tomorrow at 11:32; it will be high tonight at 12:06 and tomorrow at 12:59.  
The sun sets this evening at 8:31 and tomorrow at 8:32; it rises tomorrow morning at 5:56 and Sunday at 5:55.  
The moon sets this evening at 9.  
The last quarter of the moon was on Friday, May 3rd, at 6:28 a. m.  
There will be a new moon on Friday, May 10th at 9:01 a. m.  
The length of today will be fourteen hours and four minutes.

#### CONDENSED SPECIALS

FOR SALE—LOOSE HAY, APPLY J. Heber Crosby, Marshfield. 4884-5-8M3lpd

FOR SALE—35 ACRES CHOICE land, 4 miles from City, C. G. Duffy, Charlottetown. 4777-5-8Mtf.

WANTED — BY THE FIRST OF May, a girl for general housework. Apply at Guardian Office. 4707-4-24tf

LOST IN THIS CITY FRIDAY,—BAR pin, set with topaz and sapphires. Finder please leave at Guardian Office. 4832-5-6Mtf

WHEAT—500 BUSHEL, MARQUIS wheat due any day at \$3.50 per bush, bags included. Associated Farmers Cop. Co. Ltd., 147 Sydney street. 4904-5-9M31

THE FARADOR HAS EFFECTED hundreds of cures in P. E. Island. For sale or to lease. All rental money goes toward the purchase of the machine. W. E. Enman, Representative, 226 Richmond St., Charlottetown. 4604-4-17M3w

ANYONE DESIRING TO RAISE POTatoes or any other vegetables on a town lot, full size, in the centre of the city at very little expense to themselves can hear of something to their advantage by communicating with A.M.C. co Guardian Office. 4917-5-10M6f.

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#### ITALY'S WAR EXPENSES \$5,000,000 A DAY

(Special to The Guardian.)  
ROME, May 9.—Italy is spending five million dollars daily. The war expenses are increasing daily and profiteers are benefitting.

#### DEBATE ON BUDGET CLOSED LAST NIGHT

(Special to The Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, May 9.—The debate upon the budget was brought to a close in the Commons tonight after having occupied the members for eight days.

#### HOME RULE BILL TO COME NEXT WEEK

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, May 9.—Chancellor Bona Law announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Government hopes to introduce the Irish Home Rule Bill next week.

#### TOO WICKED FOR ANYTHING GERMAN WRITER'S PLAINT

Berlin Hopes Every Day British Will be Driven into Sea.—"But They Stand Firm."  
British Front in France, May 10.—One letter from Berlin, dated April 25, said:  
"Peace does not seem to be coming along as we fondly hoped. All this in the west is too wicked for anything. Four years of it now and no sign of the end. We hope every day it will come to a decision and that the British will be driven into the North Sea, but they stand firm."  
"We have such a scarcity of shoes in Ettingen it is impossible to get them. If there are any in Belgium, please send me a pair," says a letter dated in Ettingen April 26.  
"Are you not coming home on leave soon? How much longer is it going to last?" reads the third letter.  
A note from Rhumspringe, dated April 23, says:  
"The mustering of the 1920 class took place here last Friday. Most of them were accepted."

#### GERMANS HAVE NO SWEEP IN CRIMEA

ZURICH, May 4.—Bolshevik troops in the Crimea, equipped with armored trains and heavy artillery, are repeatedly attacking German forces on the railway between Theodosia and Drank, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung. It is reported that the Bolsheviks are massacring German colonists, the newspaper said.

#### PROPOSES U. S. SHOULD CANCEL FRANCE'S DEBT

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Cancellation of France's financial obligations to the United States is proposed in a resolution in today by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa. The resolution provides that "all obligations of the republic of France to the United States of America for money borrowed or funds advanced since the commencement of the present war, including interest thereon, be and are hereby cancelled."



LIEUT. A. E. C. MURPHY

Gambier P. McBeth, 8th Canadian Siege Battery, writes from the front. "Here is a picture I am sure you would like to have for publication, one of the best and most popular siege officers in France, Lieut. A. E. C. Murphy, commonly known as the 'Finnish Lieutenant.' This photograph shows the Lieutenant as he looks after a year's continuous hard work on the firing line."