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TWO MAIN ATTACKS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS

One in Flanders, the Other Between Rheims and Soissons. In the Flanders Sector the Enemy was Repulsed with Heavy Losses. In the Southern Sector the Germans Forced the British to Retire to Second Line. Heavy Fighting is Still in Progress and on Both Fronts is Favourable to the Allies.

(Special to The Guardian)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—Launching a heavy offensive at dawn Monday against the French in the Loere Voormezele sector, the Germans failed of their objectives at virtually all points. At some points the defending patrols were driven in but vigorous counter-attacks threw the Germans back at most places. Practically the entire French line was re-established.

GERMANS REPULSED AND LOSE 100 PRISONERS

A later official report states that the Germans were repulsed at this point, one hundred prisoners having been sent back to the French cages.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 28.—With only brief artillery preparations two blows have been struck by the Teuton armies which have been reorganizing since the disastrous losses inflicted on them by the French and British during the Picardy and Flanders battles in March and April. One attack was on the line from Voormezele to Loere southwest of Ypres, the other on a 35 mile front from Pinon, north of Soissons to Rheims. This is known as the Aisne sector.

In Flanders the Germans have gained nothing, but further south the British official statement claims that the German Crown Prince's troops have carried the whole ridge of the Chemin-des-Dames, where for weeks the German Crown Prince hurled his men against the French positions only to see them crushed and beaten. Last year 75 divisions were engaged in the German attack along this line alone.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMANS WITH GREAT LOSS

LONDON, May 28.—On the Loere Voormezele front the French troops repulsed the enemy with great loss. This announcement was contained in Field Marshal Haig's official report tonight.

BRITISH RETIRE TO SECOND LINE

The attack against the sector of Berry au Bac, held by the British, was partially successful by reason of an intense bombardment by gas shells and the use of tanks, and after heavy fighting the British on the left were pressed back to prepared positions constituting the second line.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The text of the statement reads:—"At 3.30 o'clock this morning the British divisions holding a sector of the French front astride the Aisne, Berry-au-Bac, between Berniercourt and Craonne were heavily attacked. At the same time hostile attacks in great strength were made against the French troops immediately on the right and French divisions on the left along the high ground traversed by the Chemin des Dames. In the British sector the enemy attack was supported by tanks and accompanied an intense bombardment with gas shells. On our right our troops maintained their battle position, and are in close touch with the French. On our left the enemy succeeded after heavy fighting, in pressing our troops back to the second line of prepared positions. Severe fighting has taken place along the front and is continuing. On the Lys battle front strong attacks made by the enemy this morning on

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, May 28.—Occasional showers and local thunderstorms. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 48 degrees above, the coldest the previous night was 43 above, and at nine o'clock yesterday morning it was 43 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.11 and tomorrow at 1.51; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3.01 and Friday at 3.43. The sun sets this evening at 8.49 and tomorrow at 8.50; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.40 and Friday at 5.39. The moon rises tonight at 11.23. There was a full moon on Saturday, May 25th, 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 nine minutes.

the Loere-Voormezele front have been repulsed by the French troops after fierce fighting with great loss to the enemy.

GERMANS CROSS THE AISNE RIVER

LONDON, May 28.—The German forces crossed the Aisne River late yesterday afternoon. General Haig reports today that the enemy attacks carried them across to the west side of the British sector, compelling the British line to fall back to a prepared line. The enemy is developing attacks of great strength on the whole of the Aisne front. A continuous pressure was maintained by the enemy all day yesterday against the British troops engaged on the Aisne front, and severe fighting is still in progress over this sector. In Flanders on the Lys front, local fighting was resumed this morning, the War Office reports.

FRENCH AND BRITISH FACING SUPERIOR NUMBERS

The Germans crossed the Aisne between Vailly and Berry au Bac and were aided by the arrival of fresh forces from the rear. The French and British are facing superior numbers and falling back in order, making the Germans pay a terrible price for each yard of ground they take. The battle is going on furiously between Loere and the Aisne plateau behind which the allied reserves have arrived. Active shelling is taking place in the Champagne and Woivre regions and on the right bank of the Meuse. A heavy German raid on the French at Chambrettes failed utterly.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE VERY HEAVY

The gains by the army of the German Crown Prince on the Aisne front have been partly balanced by sanguinary repulses of the enemy to push further forward southwest of Ypres.

BRITISH AND FRENCH LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK

LONDON, May 28.—The British and French troops this morning launched a counter-attack in Flanders east of Dickeybusch Lake. The attack began well. A success would make the enemy assault of yesterday a complete and costly failure.

BOHEMIANS JOIN THE ALLIES

Under their own white flag and their own officers, the Bohemians are now ranged in the ranks of the Entente Allied forces in battling against their oppressors.

LONG RANGE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS

During yesterday's bombardment of Paris by the German long range guns, three persons were killed and fourteen injured. One shell burst in a crowded street in front of a tramway station. One woman was killed, two injured and one child was hurt.

EXTENDED FURLOUGH FOR FARMER SOLDIERS

Premier Arsenault recently applied for an extension of the leave of absence for Soldiers working on farms on account of the lateness of the season here compared with Ontario. Yesterday he received the following reply from the Assistant Adjutant General, Halifax.

Halifax, May 28
Hon. A. M. Arsenault,
Premier Charlottetown

With regard to your wire of the 25th inst, authority has been received from the Adjutant General to extend seedling furloughs in Prince Edward Island to June 15 where necessary, providing drafts warned overseas are not interfered with.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

It should be mentioned that the Officer Commanding the depot here has not yet received confirmation of this concession. As soon as he does so parties on furlough will be advised accordingly.

ALLIES WERE FULLY PREPARED

(Latest night telegrams)
LONDON, May 28.—In yesterday's attack in Flanders, between Loere and Voormezele the Germans are believed to have employed four divisions on one part of this front, measuring 6,000 yards. The enemy this afternoon were punished so severely that the French on the right flank did not get to close quarters with them.

THE ALLIES WERE READY EVERYWHERE

(Latest night telegrams)
LONDON, May 28.—(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency)—Though the German attack on the Rheims, Soisson sector was scarcely expected, the resumption of the long overdue offensive found the Allies everywhere ready.

AMERICANS DID BRILLIANT WORK

(Latest night telegrams, AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 28.—(By Associated Press.)—In the simultaneous attack of three German patrols in Picardy today, the enemy penetrated the first line to a depth of two hundred yards.

ITALIANS ALSO ROUTING AUSTRIANS

(Special to The Guardian)
ROME, May 28.—Italians have launched an important attack capturing several mountain positions, the war office announces. The summit of Monte Zigelon, the town of Presnna, Montefiore Pass and the mountain spur east of the pass have been wrested from the enemy. Among the 270 prisoners taken by the Italians are 10 officers.

THE QUEEN MARY NEEDLE WORK GUILD

The President of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, a branch of which was formed in this city a few days ago, has received the following copies of letters sent from the Guild Headquarters in London, which speak for themselves, and show how splendidly the work is being carried on:

Dear Mrs. Angus,—I am so glad to tell you that all the following cases have arrived safely:—

12 cases despatched on March 15th.
9 cases despatched on March 11th.
9 cases despatched on March 4th.

They are all lovely things, and the Queen commands me to tell you and all those who sent them how grateful Her Majesty is for their help. The Queen does so appreciate the way you are all helping Her Majesty's Guild, and it is thanks to you and to all our kind friends that we are able to meet all the enormous requisitions which are asked from us now.

I told you in my last letter how much is needed, and it is the greatest help to us in this time of stress that you are all thinking and working for us.

It is most interesting to hear of your emergency work and indeed it must be a great help, and you are quite right in saying that you feel the Queen's Guild should do a large and useful work, and it is just in cases like the Halifax disaster that you can help so much.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) AIMEE DAWSON,
(Lady Dawson, Hon. Sec.)

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

From Matrons in France.—I received the bale of things safely, and am so pleased with them all. The filled treasure bags were a great surprise, and they contain things "Tommy" most needs. I am giving them to the men who go back to the line from here on the day they go out.

The bales from Q.M.G. arrived safely, it was a great pleasure to unpack them, for they seemed to contain just the articles we needed; the heavy fighting has filled the wards, and I need not tell you how much the extra comforts will be appreciated by our men. Will you kindly accept our most grateful thanks for the generous and quick response to our appeal?

IRISH NATIONALISTS DEMAND REPEAL

Of Conscription Act as Far as Ireland is Concerned. Irish Members Will Not Attend Opening of Parliament.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 28.—It was stated that the Irish members would not return at the reopening of parliament tomorrow. Some light upon their attitude and future course of action is furnished by Joseph Devlin, in a speech to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in County Tyrone, in which the Nationalist leader said that if England imposed conscription upon Ireland the blood tax never would be paid. The meeting sent a message to Premier Lloyd George demanding repeal of the conscription act in so far as Ireland is concerned.

ZEEBRUGGE AGAIN IS BOMBARDED

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 28.—An Admiralty statement issued tonight says: "Bombing operations have been carried out against Mariakerke and Zeebrugge where bombs were observed to fall close to the lock gates of the Canal. Nearly three tons also were dropped on the Bruges dock Wednesday night. All our machines returned safely."

NEW AIRPLANES FOR GREAT BRITAIN

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 28.—Great Britain is building a new airplane that can travel 155 miles an hour, and can climb fifteen thousand feet in eleven minutes.

WOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT SIBERIA

If She Had in Contemplation Offensive Military Operations. True Policy of Japan.

LONDON, May 27.—The Manchester Guardian, discussing the text of the China-Japanese agreement, refers to Paris comment that will hasten the Japanese intervention, and says: "We doubt whether Japan is now contemplating offensive military operations in Siberia. If she were, her true policy would be not to be worried about either Vladivostok or Manchuria, but to co-operate on the right wing of our advance in Mesopotamia and, by blocking the Turkish advance in Caucasia, to give Germany some thing nearer home to think about than these schemes in remote Siberia. We suppose the treaty is meant to be defensive in its operation and to provide against the risk of German aggression, which, though remote now, might become serious later."

"Both the Chinese and Japanese Governments might still have a motive for concluding the treaty. If Germany does begin to be aggressive, the Chinese Government might say this treaty will add to her defensive strength. Germany will be a far more serious enemy to her political integrity than ever Russia was. But suppose Germany, beaten in Europe and the danger from her in the Far East does not materialize, the Government of China, which is engaged in a difficult civil war, would profit by a working military alliance with Japan. Japan used to help the revolutionaries of the south. Why, the Chinese Government might say, should we not go to the same well? That the agreement has a point directed against Germany may be quite true, but its real motives, we suspect, may be much less remote."

NOT A TREATY, BUT AN ENTENTE

PEKING, May 27.—The Government, through the Chinese News Agency, has authorized the following statement regarding the military agreement between China and Japan:—"In view of the circulation of false reports it is necessary to inform the Chinese people of the facts of the negotiations. Since the conclusion of peace between the Russian, Maximilians and the enemy the fear has existed in Japan and China for an eastward intrusion of German influence. On account of the proximity of their territory, the Governments recognized the necessity of a definite arrangement for joint defence. This joint defence concern military movements in Siberia and Manchuria, and has no reference to other matters. The scheme will become null and void with the termination of the war."

"On the other hand, the convention will not be enforced unless the influence of the enemy actually penetrates Siberia. It is not a treaty, but an entente, which will become a scrap of paper if there is no enemy menace. The sole reason for the non-publication of the contents is the preservation of the secret from the enemy. The convention does not involve the loss of sovereign territorial rights and Japan gains no privileges."

A Peking despatch under Saturday's date reported protests by the Chambers of Commerce of Peking and Tientsin against the ratification by the Chinese-Japanese agreement which, he said, was believed to contain agreements detrimental to the integrity of China.

COL. SHARPE, M. P. JUMPS TO DEATH FROM WINDOW

MONTREAL, May 27.—Col. Sam Sharpe, D.S.O., M.P., of Uxbridge, Ontario, recently returned from England, where he had been undergoing treatment in a hospital for a nervous affection, met his death at the Rose Pavilion of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Saturday, by jumping from a second story window and falling on the concrete pavement below.

The nurse, who left him room a few moments previously, reports that he showed no signs of mental aberration and talked quite intelligently to her. He was dressing to go out for a drive which had been arranged for by the nurses. No cause has yet been ascertained for his action and untimely death.

PACKING AND MILLING COMPANIES

Will Have Their Profits Limited to Eleven Per Cent, All Above this Going to the Government.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, May 28.—As a result of the report on the profits of the big milling companies of Canada prepared by Mrs. George Hambleton and issued today by Hon. T. W. Cravner, the Government will likely limit the profits of milling corporations to a certain percentage. Following the report on the packing companies, an order in council was passed limiting the profits to eleven per cent. All above that figure goes to the Government. Similar action is anticipated in connection with the milling companies.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE MEETING TO ORGANIZE THE Y.W.C.A.

At the meeting in Prince of Wales College Hall on Monday evening, on motion of Rev. T. W. Murphy, seconded by Rev. Dr. Fullerton, it was unanimously decided that the following ladies be appointed a provisional committee to make plans for the establishment of a Young Women's Christian Association in Charlottetown:—

Miss Elaine Aitken, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, Miss Margaret Cotton, Mrs. E. T. Higgs, Mrs. S. Kennedy, Mrs. D. R. McLennan, Miss McLean, Mrs. R. E. Mutch, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Pomeroy, Miss Jones in her admirable address said that no town in Canada had cause for such joy as Charlottetown in the prospect which opens before us of having such a splendid institution established. In many towns the Y. W. C. A. is struggling along in miserable quarters bravely showing that they can exist. Miss Jones declared that under the conditions of establishing the institution here Charlottetown has a great chance and the possibilities are wonderful. The citizens, she thought, should be perfectly willing to stand behind the institution and if they do will make it a credit to the whole province. The girls must be interested from the very start, and their object should be to make the Y. W. C. A. the happiest place to be found. Every self-respecting girl in the community should be enrolled as members. The burden of making the association a constructive force in the life of the community rests primarily upon each individual member. The stranger coming into the town must be made to feel that this is her home and that she has a right to go there. She must be made to feel that she is receiving a real welcome and everything should be done to make her feel at home and perfectly happy. The activities of the Y. W. C. A. vary with the size of the community and its needs. Miss Jones pointed out that the types of activities are generally:

Physical.—Provide recreation which really recreates, which develops and trains the body, thus making for greater efficiency in both mental and physical life.

Social.—Provide what every girl needs, comradeship, good times, social life, a place to entertain men friends, quiet evenings with good books.

Religious.—Seek through the personal life of its workers, through its organized Bible and Mission Study Classes, and through its co-operation with the churches, to deepen the spiritual life of the girls whom it touches.

Educational.—A two-fold aim. (1) To prepare for usefulness, through organizing such classes as pertain to the vocational side of the girl's life, such as domestic arts, the history of the girl's interests by the organization of literary clubs, art and travel talks, and discussion groups on topics of general interest. Through its employment bureau, reading room and rest room, its office information bureau, its cafeteria and its travellers' aid workers at the stations, the Young Women's Christian Association renders an invaluable service to the community.

At the close of Miss Jones' address a vote of thanks was moved by Col. Moore, seconded by Mr. T. C. James, and tendered to her by the chairman, Mayor Wright, all three gentlemen in the course of brief remarks, endorsing the splendid object of the association, and expressing the best wishes for its success. Miss Jones thanked the audience for the vote of thanks and the interest manifested, and expressed the hope that before very long she would be back in Charlottetown again and see the new institution completely established and carrying on its various activities for the welfare of the community.

SPLENDID WORK OF ARTILLERY AUXILIARY

The Prince Edward Island Artillery Auxiliary held an interesting meeting last evening in the Y.M.C.A. A. Mrs. (Dr.) J. S. Bagnall, the President, presided over the meeting. She gave an interesting outline of some of the work accomplished by the Association and read several letters from the boys "over there," expressing thanks for the parcels received and appreciation of the good work being carried out by the Artillery Auxiliary. Plans for the summer's work were discussed and various helpful suggestions received.

THREE SOLDIERS TAKE A FATAL DRAUGHT

WINNIPEG, May 27.—Sergt. W. A. Knox, Pte. A. Holbrook, and staff Sergt. A. V. Jesson, returned soldiers, are dead after drinking wood alcohol as a beverage. Holbrook was proprietor of a bath house and in the course of a friendly drinking bout the three men apparently drank from a bottle of crude alcohol used for external applications. Knox came from Kelliker, Sask., and listed here after being invalided home from the front. Holbrook leaves a wife and seven children, including a son on active service. Jesson leaves a wife and child.

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