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"SITUATION REASSURING" IS LATEST WAR NEWS

While the German Onslaught Continues Unabated it Already Shows Signs of Weakening. British Retirement at First Attack was Orderly and at one Point to Distance of Eight Miles but They Saved All Their Guns and Stores Germans Suffered Two Severe Reverses.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 29.—The text of the official report from Field Marshal Haig tonight reads: "Counterattacks carried out early this morning by French and British troops successfully re-established our line east of Dickebusch Lake. Several prisoners were captured. In the enemy's attacks yesterday morning in this sector and to the south, as far as Loivre, four German divisions are known to have been engaged. In the course of the fighting heavy losses were inflicted on these divisions. The Allied line has been maintained at all points. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides on the different sectors."

ALLIES EFFECTED ORDERLY RETIREMENT

LONDON, May 29.—Notwithstanding the rapidity of the drive and the large number of the enemy pressing it, some unofficial estimates place the number of Allied shock troops alone at twenty-five divisions, or about 850,000 picked men. The Allied front nowhere has been pierced, but under the onslaughts has bent back in perfect lision, all the time giving battle. With such precision has the retirement been conducted that they carried with them all of their supplies and guns or destroyed those they were not able to handle. It is present it is impossible geographically to depict the extent of the German gains, but it would seem evident that the deepest salient they have driven is in the region due east of Vailly, about eight miles.

SITUATION WELL IN HAND

LONDON, May 29.—Although the line of communication is still threatened by the army of the Crown Prince, General Foch has the situation well in hand. French troops are beginning to gain on the German advanced forces in the contest of speed. Those on the scene of the fighting declare it not too much to expect that another 48 hours will see the German drive definitely halted. Yesterday the Germans made but a slight advance by their superior numbers before which the Allies slowly retired fighting. The French and British reserves are on their way up to the front to stem the German onslaught at Vesle River, where the fighting is very severe.

GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, May 29.—According to the German official communications numerous towns and villages in the fighting zone have been taken by the enemy, and 15,000 Allied troops already have been made prisoners.

EIGHTEEN GERMAN AIRPLANES DOWNED

LONDON, May 29.—Fifteen German airplanes have been destroyed.

CARTER THE MAGICIAN MYSTIFIES AUDIENCE AT PRINCE EDWARD

Carter, the magician, who has recently been entertaining New York audiences, is at the Prince Edward Theatre, and he, assisted by Corinne Carter, completely mystified a very interested audience last night. The program is divided into three parts, the first devoted to sleight of hand tricks by Carter. There are a number of mystifying performances with a wooden hand which jumps about a table, and altogether acts in an uncanny manner. Globets of paper and bran are transformed into steaming coffee and creamy milk. In one part of his entertainment he reproduces an entire spiritualistic seance which he learned first hand from the marvelous Yogi during his recent visit to Simla. In his demonstration a cabinet is built before the eyes of all beholders, and while Carter remains on the outside apparently miraculous manifestations are visible, chief among which Carter materializes the ghost of Katie King, which spirit creature Sir William Crookes saw appear and vanish in his own home under test conditions for three years, and there has been no more solemn assertion of any truth in the history of science than he has made of his statement. Carter also causes to manifest under the cloak of a silk handkerchief the spirit form of Cagliostro, the famous French Charlatan. These demonstrations occur in the open with the lights turned on brightly and in the presence of a committee investigating all parts of the stage. The first period concludes with the instantaneous disappearance from

by British aviators and three others driven down out of control, according to the British official communication on aviation issued tonight. Five tons of bombs have been dropped on the Mannheim Metz railway station.

SITUATION IS REASSURING

PARIS, May 29.—The situation tonight is more reassuring. The latest advice from the front show that while the violence of the enemy's effort as yet is unabated, he is only making headway on the centre and that even there the German momentum is showing signs of slackening. The Allies are beginning to react with effect on the wings. The French left is holding well and blocking the German attempts to widen the salient toward Soissons.

FRENCH HOLD IMPORTANT POSITION

The French retain a wide bridge-head north of the Aisne above that city, a circumstance highly menacing for the enemy's flank. On the right the British still cling successfully to the group of hills north of the Vesle river.

GERMANS SUFFERED TWO SEVERE REVERSES

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 29.—With the defeat by the Americans near Montdidier, and by the French and British east of Dickebusch Lake, the Germans again have recorded a bad failure in these regions for their arms. Not only this but a long list of dead and wounded must be added to their already heavy casualties.

OUR RESERVES ARE ARRIVING

PARIS, May 29.—The Germans are trying to force passage of the Vesle at Fismes, which is the centre of most important communications, according to the Liberte correspondent at the front, who adds, "The battle is being fiercely contested with alternating fortunes. Our reserves are commencing to arrive south of the Vesle and their effect is already felt at Fismes."

CHEMIN DES DAMES OF LITTLE VALUE TO GERMANS

LONDON, May 29.—Major General Maurice, writing in the Chronicle on the resumption of the German offensive, says: "The famous heights of Craonne and the equally famous Chemin des Dames ridge are of great local value, as they command the whole valley of the Ailette river and form a fine defensive line. The loss of these heights would be locally inconvenient, but would have no wide effect. The advance across them leads through highly defensible country to the strong line of the Aisne and gives the enemy nothing but hard won ground for his pains."

RETURNED SOLDIERS BREAK SHIP STRIKE

VICTORIA, B.C., May 28.—Work in Victoria shipyards will be carried on by returned soldiers. A meeting of more than four hundred men last night agreed to keep the plant working until the end of the war.

FEAR THE APPLE CROP WILL BE A FAILURE

HALIFAX, May 28.—That the apple crop of Nova Scotia will be away below normal, even if it is not a complete failure, is indicated by the poor showing of blossoms. In several sections a frost last night destroyed the blossoms of the early varieties. On account of the prospects many orchardists are abandoning spraying operations.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, May 29.—N. W. to E. winds, fair, with about same temperature. The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.51 and tomorrow at 2.38; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3.43 and Saturday at 4.26. The sun sets this evening at 8.50 and tomorrow at 8.51; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.39 and Saturday at 5.38. The moon rises tomorrow morning at 12.57. There was a full moon on Saturday May 25th, at 6.30 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 10 minutes.

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ITALIANS MAKING BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Broke into Enemy Defences to Depth of 750 Yards Capturing Many Prisoners and Munitions and Holding all Positions Taken.

(Special to The Guardian)
ROME, May 29.—Further successes, including the capture of 450 prisoners and much war material were chronicled in the Italian war office report of Tuesday which said: "On the night of May 26-27 our assault parties broke into successive enemy defences at Caposile to a depth of more than 750 yards. In spite of the enemy's violent reaction the positions reached were maintained. There were considerable enemy losses, 450 prisoners being taken and four trench mortars, 10 machine guns, several hundred rifles and ammunition and material being captured."

TWO ENGLISH WOMEN HAVE SOME TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES

With Children They Had Harrowing Escape from Russian Revolution Disorders Only to be Captured on Island by Germans Who Incarcerated Them With Mad Women.

AMSTERDAM, May 29.—After three months of perilous adventures and great sufferings two Englishwomen, Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Taylor have arrived here with their two children. They have come by way of Russia and Germany from Siberia which they left at the time of the worst Bolshevik chaos. The party began their hazardous journey in a wagon bought for 150. They persuaded the authorities to mount it in a truck coupled to the train going to Petrograd. It being impossible to obtain accommodation in the ordinary way.

In this wagon which was boarded against possible attack the women and children spent four days, never sleeping outside and being supplied with water by a soldier whose services as guard they obtained. They arrived in Petrograd when the Russian capital was in the hands of the extremists, who took away their passports for Sweden, where they had helped to find a steambath to England.

Cut off from railway communication they hired a sled on which they crossed the Gulf of Finland to the Aland Islands. The journey across the

ice lasted for three days. Their scheme of getting a boat from the Aland Islands was foiled, for they found the island in German occupation. They were arrested by the invaders, who sent them under military guard to Germany where they were at various prison camps. Their worst experience was at Holzwinden, a great, mixed camp for soldiers and civilian prisoners of a score of nationalities. Here they were kept from starvation by some kindly French women who gave them food from parcels as they found the black bread and had soup with which all Germans were provided, unobtainable.

Mrs. Butcher and her children were put into a small room where there was already a woman whom suffering had driven mad. The unfortunate creature's delirium, terrified the children but Mrs. Butcher's request for other accommodations was refused by a German official, saying "We have had to put up with this mad woman for a long time and so must you." After several days of imprisonment the Germans relieved them and sent them with other women refugees in a train to the Dutch frontier. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Butcher's children were ill on arrival and are now in a hospital here.

SCOTLAND FIRM AS MOUNTAINS WILL STAND FAST

LONDON, May 28.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Before returning to London from Scotland, Premier Lloyd-George, interviewed by the Glasgow Herald, said he was very much impressed by the determination of the Scottish people to see the war through. The message Scotland had given him was to stand fast. The premier continued: "Scotland is as firm as her mountains. If there is any change between last year and this year it is an even deeper note of resolve, of absolute unity and the subordination of everything to the prosecution of the war. The people of Scotland have their minds fixed upon defeating the terrible menace by maintaining their withdrawal, and that the exemption claims were allowed by Justice Kelly be allowed to stand. Except men between 20 and 22 inclusive, very few sitting in Osgoode Hall today. The great majority of the exemptions granted were to farmers."

RED CROSS IN U. S. GETS \$144,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The American people answered Germany's renewal of the conscription on the west front today with an outpouring of more than thirty-two million dollars swelling American Red Cross second war fund to \$144,000,000.

ISLAND BOYS IN FRANCE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE GIFTS FROM HOME

At the meeting of the P.E.I. Artillery Auxiliary held Monday evening the financial statement of "Ye Olds Folks Concert" was read. The receipts from this concert were very gratifying, and the Auxiliary expressed again their appreciation of the help given them. A special vote of thanks was moved to Prof. S. N. Earle who gave so much of his time free of charge to the preparation of this Concert. The concert was repeated in the P. W. C. Hall in aid of the Y. M. C. A. and netted them a neat sum. The time of the monthly meetings of the Auxiliary was changed from the last Tuesday to the first Monday in each month. The short talk given by Q. M. S. Acorn was greatly enjoyed by those present and at the close of his talk

65,000 GERMAN PRISONERS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, May 29.—There are 65,000 German prisoners of war in Great Britain. It was announced in the House of Commons today by James Hankey, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office. Of these, he said, 42,000 were employed in farming and other work of national importance, while 10,000 more had been designated for similar employment.

REPORTS SUBMARINE OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

NEWPORT NEWS, May 28.—It was learned here tonight that the master of a British steamer which came into port last Wednesday reported that he had fired five shots at a submarine 150 miles off the Virginia Capes.

WASHINGTON DOUBTS IF ENEMY SUBMARINES ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Navy department officials said tonight there was nothing to indicate the presence of enemy submarines on this side of the Atlantic. They thought the British ship which reported at Newport News firing at a submarine 150 miles off the Virginia Capes probably had sighted a bit of wreckage or some other floating object.

BITTER BATTLE IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Experts Believe German Drive Will Be Stopped Within 48 Hours. Soissons Evacuated by Civil Population. U. S. Troops Carry Out Successful Raid in Splendid Style.

(Latest night despatch)
PARIS, May 29.—The French troops have fallen back to the eastern outskirts of Soissons where the battle continues with bitterness. The French War Office announced this afternoon. The Franco-British troops the statement adds have fallen back to the heights south-east of St. Piery, where they are holding points between the Vesle and the Aisne canal.

American troops to the west of Montdidier, the French statement says, have repulsed two German counterattacks against the village of Cantigny. In the centre continues the war office announcement, fighting is going with varying success on the heights on the southern bank of the Vesle river where the first troops are bravely and admirably defending their positions.

FOCH HAS SITUATION WELL IN HAND

(Latest night despatch)
PARIS, May 29.—General Foch now has the situation well in hand and the first troops are beginning to gain on the German advance forces in a contest of speed. No important line of communication is yet threatened by the advance of the German Crown Prince. Those on the scene declare it is not too much to say that another forty-eight hours will see the German drive definitely stopped. High praise is given the first reserves for the perfect order in which they are coming into the fighting line.

Not the least encouraging news yesterday was the brilliant success of the Americans in the Mondidier sector which all the newspapers feature. It was the first important action carried out alone by them. All reports agree that they behaved like veterans. This is pronounced the best argument for the early future when American help will weigh heavily in the balance.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAID

(Latest night despatch)
LONDON, May 29.—The official statement issued by the war office today says we carried out a successful raid last night southeast of Arras and captured prisoners and a machine gun. A few prisoners were taken by us also during the night west of Merville. A raid attempted by the enemy at Givenchy Les La Basses was repulsed.

A hostile attack upon one of our positions south of the Ypres Comines canal also was repulsed after sharp fighting. The hostile artillery has been active north of Albert in the neighborhood of Ayette, east of Robecq and northwest of Merville and has shown somewhat increased activity locally east of Arras and south of Lens.

300 CASUALTIES IN HOSPITALS BY HUN AIRMEN

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 29.—Andrew Bonar Law, the Government leader in the House of Commons today told the Lower House that 300 casualties in hospital cases had been caused by the bombing of British hospitals in France by German aviators.

SAMPLE OF GERMAN GALL

AMSTERDAM, May 29.—We must retain Belgium economically, politically and militarily, said Admiral Von Tripitz, former German Minister of Marine, in an address at Dusseldorf on Sunday, as quoted in the Nachrichten of that city. Speaking of Germany's requirements after the war, he said: "Neither Central Europe, the orient nor Northern Europe can supply us with the raw materials requisite to our industries. We need to have the sea free from Anglo-Saxon tyranny for that purpose."

DOCTORS FINED

OTTAWA, May 29.—Seventeen more local physicians appeared before Magistrate Askwith in the police court today charged with having failed to register the birth of children at which they had officiated. In accordance with the section in the vital statistics act, which provides that these births shall be registered "forthwith," sixteen were fined.

SITUATION IN FLANDERS IS EXCELLENT.

(Latest night despatch)
LONDON, May 29.—The civil population of Soissons have left the place owing to the heavy bombardment. One thousand two hundred shells were thrown into the place in one day. In Flanders the situation is described as excellent, with the allied front unchanged after several German attacks had been smashed up and lost ground had been recaptured. The Berlin papers have been given orders to tone down the "comment" of the new drive until the issue is decided.

AMERICANS MADE GOOD.

(Latest night despatch)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 29.—(Associated Press).—The American line now runs 150 to 200 yards east of Cantigny. As a result of the successful attack today the nearest German trench is several hundred yards east of where the Americans have dug in. The Germans it has been found had many outposts and machine gun emplacements in Cantigny.

BIG GERMAN LOSS IN AIR RAID.

(Latest night despatch)
OTTAWA, May 29.—(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency).—As an instance of the great effectiveness of the continuous air raids which the British are making day and night at different points behind the Germans, where there are dense concentrations of troops, a German prisoner stated that in the recent air raid of the British flying squadron in Douai there were 300 soldiers killed and wounded in addition to great damage done.

MEMBERS OF COMMONS EXEMPT

LONDON, May 29.—A London Military Tribunal after three weeks of deliberation has decided that members of the House of Commons are doing work of national importance and therefore are entitled to exemption from military service.

MILITARY SERVICE ACT WORKING WELL.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 29.—The Military Service Act is becoming a fruitful source of concrete results now that its provisions have been strengthened and its enforcement is being carried out.

Up to yesterday 31,790 men had been ordered to report, and 65,769 have done so. Thirteen thousand classed as deserters are yet to be apprehended.

NINETEEN BOMBS DROPPED ON GERMAN CITY

(Special to The Guardian)
AMSTERDAM, May 29.—Nineteen bombs have been dropped on Landau, Germany by the Allied airmen the Tagelblatt of Berlin reports. The garrison headquarters and some private houses are said to have been damaged.

DIED

McFARLANE.—At New Glasgow, N. S., on May 28, William G. McFarlane, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarlane, city. Funeral today the 30th at the Peoples Cemetery from his father's residence, 201 Water St. at 4 p. m.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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