

NATION GOES OVER THE TOP OF LOAN AND CITY EXCEEDS QUOTA

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FRENCH UNDER 50 GAS ATTACKS IN DEFENSE OF KEMMEL HILL

Germans Hurling Ten Big Shells Per Second, but the Veterans Brought From Verdun Hold Their Ground to the Death.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday, May 3 (Associated Press).—Veterans of the defense of Verdun predominated among the French soldiers who so gallantly defended Kemmel Hill against the Germans.

Despite these losses it was brigaded with the French for a counter attack and still later it beat off four heavy German attacks.

VICTORIA CROSSES FOR SUPERHUMAN FEATS OF COURAGE

Lieut. Cassidy Fights Until Killed and Private Columbine Holds Attacking Waves.

LONDON, May 4 (via Ottawa).—Acts of almost superhuman heroism characterized deeds for which five Victoria Crosses have been awarded.

GREATEST FIELD OF MINES EVER LAID BARS SUBMARINES

Embraces 121,782 Square Miles, Base Forming Line Between Scotland and Norway—Tens of Thousands of Mines Used.

LT. LESLIE SECOND TIME IN CASUALTY LIST; 86 REPORTED

Four New Yorkers, Two Officers and Two Privates, Slightly Wounded.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—To-day's army casualty list showed three deaths in action; five of wounds; eight of disease; one from drowning; four of accident; fourteen wounded severely; one missing; and fifty wounded slightly, a total of 86.

SHELL OF COCONUT FORMS ANTIDOTE FOR GERMAN POISON GAS

Thousands Shipped from San Juan for Use in Masks of U. S. Troops in France.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT TO END ITS SESSION BY EMPEROR'S ORDERS

Food Situation Is Serious and Government Will Prevent Agitation Among Deputies.

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