

BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT ALLIES HAVE MADE GAINS

London, May 14.—Advices from the Dardanelles, as conveyed from sources favorable to the allies, says the French and British forces are continuing to gain in the land fighting, although it is conceded a decisive phase has not been reached.

A Dutch trawler is reported as having been attacked in the North sea by a German aeroplane while flying by the Dutch flag. Three bombs were dropped but the trawler was uninjured. A great battle is now in progress in northern France and is characterized here as one of unbelievable fury. It is said that both sides are exhausted by the struggle, but the allies are holding firmly to the positions in which they are now established.

For the first time in six months the authors of the German and French official announcement on the progress of hostilities agree. The German communication admits the truth of the more important claims made by Gen-

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eral Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, as to great success won by the French between Labassee and Arras. British commentators are today claiming that a little farther advance by the French will open a conspicuous gap in the German line, a development which would necessitate the falling back of the Germans on a wide front.

The hint made by Lord Haldane of the possibility of conscription has been interpreted in some quarters as meaning that there is now less confidence that the war will be over by fall and that the authorities are making dispositions in case of another winter campaign being necessary.

Paris, May 14.—The French war office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of hostilities: "It has been raining without a stop since yesterday morning. Last night, despite the handicap of difficult and slippery terrain, we occupied several German trenches to the south of West Sluzech and we have maintained on the rest of the front from Loos us.

To Arras all gains recently made by "In the valley of Aisne we yesterday destroyed four German block houses, and leveled several trenches."

the balcony and spoke fervidly in favor of war.

The crowd then went to the palace of the dowager queen Margherita and acclaimed her wildly.

Italian Cabinet Resigned.

The king held audiences with several statesmen today which was observed with interest because of the resignation yesterday of the cabinet on the ground it did not have the unanimous support of the constitutional parties of the country in its international policy.

The cabinet's resignation leaves King Emmanuel free to choose the men he considers best adapted to guide Italy in her present grave situation. It is believed the present course may bring a solution to the court better than that which might have issued from a clash of the contending parties.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

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OUTWITTED WEATHERMAN; HELD AN INDOOR PICNIC

Normal picnic day turned out to be perhaps the worst we have had this spring. Since nearly \$100 worth of supplies had been laid up, the excursion could not be postponed and it was decided to hold it within the school. The students gathered in the chapel at 10 o'clock and sang songs and listened to speeches by members of the faculty.

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EXPERTS SAY MORE WHEAT IS GROWING

There is much speculation in North Dakota as to the wheat acreage this year. Individuals have figures from every county which indicates that the acreage in North Dakota will be 8,100,000, as against 7,200,000 last year, or roughly at 10 per cent increase. These figures are regarded as practically accurate, though unofficial.

New lands in the western part of the state have been seeded to wheat. There is also some increase in the acreage in Central counties, in fact, as far east as the western side of the Red river valley counties. The increase in the central part of the state runs from 2 to 5 per cent.

There is very little change in the wheat acreage in Red river valley counties. Had seeding conditions been more favorable the acreage would have been larger, but the delay in getting upon low lands prevented some farmers from putting in as much wheat as they had intended. This will result in an increased acreage. It is estimated that the 500,000 acres of corn last year will easily be 600,000 this year. The oat acreage will remain practically the same and the barley will show a decrease.

There is some speculation as to flax many persons anticipating a reduced acreage, but with new prairie lands being broken it may keep up the flax acreage practically to last year's figures. There has also been a slight increase in the winter rye acreage.

North Dakota wheat is 6 per cent better than the average for the last eight years, that condition being shown in the state report, issued by the federal weather bureau in Grand Forks, based on investigation made by the federal department of agriculture.

North Dakota wheat is rated at 91 per cent of perfect, as against an eight-year average of 88 per cent and a federal rating of 89.8 per cent for this year.

Rye is rated at 94 per cent as against an eight-year average of 83 per cent and a national average of 89.8 per cent.

Spring plowing is 72 per cent complete against an eight-year average of 46 per cent and against 78.3 per cent in the nation.

WILL TAKE BODY OF SISTER TO CANADA

The Misses Ella Johnson, of Fairmount, Sask., Canada, and Eva Johnson, of Saskatoon, arrived in Valley City Sunday morning, and met their sister here, Mrs. O. F. Unlee, of Fargo. Together the three sisters will accompany the remains of their sister, Miss Laura I. Johnson, who met with an accident late Wednesday afternoon near Hope, when she was killed by the overturning of a Studebaker car which she was driving alone, and on a very narrow grade.

Miss Laura Tomine Johnson was born in Scandia, Minn., and spent most of her life at Crookston, Minn. The past two years she spent in Minneapolis, Fargo, Cooperstown and Valley City, being the secretary of the Lund Land Co.

Miss Johnson leaves to mourn her death her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson of Fairmount, Sask., Canada, also the Misses Ella, and Ruth, sisters and Alfred and Walter Johnson, brothers of Fairmount. Another sister, Miss Eva Johnson, resides at Saskatoon, and a married sister Mrs. O. F. Unlee lives at Fargo, N. D. Two sisters, Inanda and Esther died at Crookston, Minn., several years ago.

The remains of Miss Johnson were brought to the city from Hope, and will be taken to Fairmount Tuesday evening. Interment to be made at that place Saturday afternoon.

Her death was a great shock to the members of her family, and Miss Johnson was planning a visit to the home folks in the near future. She was a member of the Synod Lutheran church, and a beautiful christian character, sincere and unselfish and was greatly loved by all who knew her. She was a bright and successful business young woman, and the news of the sad accident was a shock to Valley City residents and a great blow to friends who knew her.

Valley City friends may view the remains after 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, at the Halverson undertaking parlors.

The Music Club will meet on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Featherstone on Fourth Ave. The leader will be Mrs. Chas. Peterson and it will be a "request program," numbers will be repeated on request. This will be the last meeting of the year, and all members will please take notice that there will be election of officers for the coming year.

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VALLEY CITY MAN VICE PRESIDENT STATE AUTO CLUB

The inclement weather or the scarcity of number failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the delegates to the North Dakota Automobile club, which met yesterday afternoon in the Commercial club rooms.

The meeting was devoted to a general discussion of roads throughout the state, particular attention being given to the Red Trail and several improvements were recommended. After the meeting the delegates were banqueted at a local hotel and all left with a good impression of Fargo's hospitality. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. P. Reeve, of Beach, president; A. G. Divet, of Wehpont, vice president; C. F. Mudgett, of Valley City treasurer; Seth Richardson, of Fargo, secretary.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Valley City Gas Company will be held at the office of the Company on Tuesday, June 8, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before this meeting.

Frank E. Ployhar, Pres. H. N. Walker, Sec.-Treas. Dated May 15, 1915.

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NEW PREMIER OF CANADA IS A FARMER-AUCTIONEER

AFTER FIVE YEARS. Valley City Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Valley City story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson, 310 Second St., Valley City, says: "One of my relatives suffered for two or three years from sore back and heavy, dull pains through the kidneys. Sweeping, exertion or stooping sent sharp pains darting through the back. After different medicines failed to give relief, Doan's Kidney Pills were used. They helped from the first and before long the patient was in good health." (Statement given September 20, 1907)

OVER FIVE YEARS LATER Mrs. Anderson said: "We still think well of Doan's Kidney Pills and find there is no better kidney medicine." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that ter-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN AT MINOT

Minot, May 14.—In the death of Mrs. Alice R. Hanscom, widow of Abner L. Hanscom and mother of Mrs. J. M. Devine, another of the pioneer women of this state and section passed away.

Mrs. Hanscom was born in 1846, in the town of Canandaigua, N. Y. While she was yet a very small child, her parents moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where she grew up. Later, as a teacher in the schools of Cedar Rapids, Mich., she met Abner L. Hanscom, and they were married at that city in 1873. In the year 1881 they moved to Jamestown, N. D., which was then the terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad. A few years later, Mr. Hanscom opened up a large stock ranch at Antelope Lake, about 100 miles northwest of Jamestown. At this time Jamestown was the nearest and only town and supply point. Together they saw the passing of the roaming Indian and the last of the buffalo and antelope. Many times during the enforced absence of her husband on the long, hard, slow journey for the season's supplies to and from Jamestown she bravely and successfully took care of the ranch and watched over their only child.

With these pioneer men and women of North Dakota courage and calm endurance was an every day necessity. Perhaps no one act, of the many brave ones performed by Mrs. Hanscom during this period is more worthy of note than the fact that although far distant from neighbors, teachers and schools, yet with all a mother's devotion, she managed to secure good books, blackboards, dictionary and with these together with her own personal resources she gave her child, before she had reached 12 years of age, an accurate, thorough knowledge of history, biography, and the world's best literature. She held to her high ideals amid isolation, summer's heat and winter's storm; made a pioneer log house an academy of learning and an inspiration. She did her best under all circumstances, and her best was good. She was gentle in disposition, kindly and charitable in her every act. Her home, no matter where located, was a beacon light to the early pioneer, and the welcome they received at her hands was proverbial.

In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Hanscom moved to Towner, McHenry county, where shortly after Mr. Hanscom purchased the tract of land located on the Mouse river, now known as the River Side farm. In 1895 he was elected to the state senate and at the close of his term of office in 1899 was appointed receiver of the U. S. land office at Minot. Since the death of her husband in 1907 Mrs. Hanscom has made her home with her daughter Mrs. J. M. Devine of that city.

Bismarck Tribune: Major Frank S. Henry, state land commissioner, has returned from a business trip to Fargo and Valley City.

Winnipeg, May 15.—The new premier of Manitoba is an auctioneer. After the stormiest week in its latter day political history, Winnipeg is today trying to adjust itself to a political situation without a parallel in the annals of the province.

T. C. Norris, auctioneer and farmer, is the administrative head of the provincial government. The men to whom he must look for support, the members of parliament, are opposed to him politically by a vote of 27 to 22.

For years Sir Rodmond Roblin, a man who for 35 years has been political power in Manitoba and a man who is admired by his enemies, was premier, an office corresponding to an American governor. Sir Rodmond was a conservative, a leader in the party which is in control of the dominant government, a selfmade man who for years refused to be knighted because he believed in democracy. With him in the Manitoba parliament he had a safe majority, a majority of 6 in a parliament of 49.

Then came the unexpected. Sir Rodmond, standing in his parliamentary seat, admitted there had been irregularities in the construction of the new \$3,000,000 parliament building. He declared that as premier he had agreed to the appointment by Lieutenant Governor Sir Donald Douglas Cameron of a royal commission of three men, a commission which should investigate the charges of irregularities, and, said Sir Roblin, he and his cabinet ministers, all members of parliament, realizing that there had been irregularities, would retire from their cabinet positions.

Manitoba was astounded. For 15 years Sir Rodmond had administered the affairs of the province as premier, in each parliament he had encountered opposition. A square talker on his feet, a conservative in his political beliefs, a man who mowed down opposition by the strength of his personality, Sir Rodmond had held the conservatives of Manitoba in line. Sir Rodmond was with the government.

In the election last July Sir Rodmond expected emphatic approval. He was returned to his seat with a parliamentary majority of six and three of the seats were contested. Under the leadership of Mr. Norris auctioneer and farmer from Griswold, the minority began a systematic campaign against the conservatives. In the election Mr. Norris and his followers had stood for initiative, referendum and recall, for woman suffrage and, this was the important issue in Manitoba, for a provincial vote on the liquor question. Sir Rodmond stood for local option.

The liberals served notice they would fight. They asked for an investigation of public expenditures.

Sir Rodmond, as premier, appointed a committee on public accounts. It consisted of eight conservatives and five liberals. The committee, under repeated nagging by the liberals, began an investigation of the parliament house contract. It was this investigation which landed Mr. Norris, much to his surprise in the Manitoba premiership.

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