

STUBBORN FIGHTING ON THE FLANDERS FRONT TURNS SLIGHTLY IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES; BRITISH ARE COUNTERING SUCCESSFULLY

Germans Pressed the British Line Back Slightly at Point North of Kemmel; British Regained Ground Lost in LaClytte-Voormezele Sector

TWO GERMAN DIVISIONS LOST HEAVILY ATTACKING THAT LINE

British Made Further Progress Last Night on the Picardy Front, Advancing Their Line Between the Somme and Ancre Rivers East of Amiens

Heavy fighting, although on a comparatively narrow front, is continuing in Flanders, where the Germans began another attempt to drive a wedge into the entente line.

This attempt failed and only a temporary success was secured by the enemy in gaining a foothold in the allied front line at points between Voormezele and La Clytte.

Last night the British and French drove back sharply at the Germans and ousted them from the small bits of territory they had won. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the two German divisions which were engaged in this operation.

Notwithstanding their heavy losses the Germans seem reluctant to abandon the efforts, and this morning found them renewing the attack to the north of Kemmel, in the Vierstraat region.

A heavy machine fire forced the British line back at one point, but the recession was a slight one and the ground remained disputed territory. The fighting was continuing here when the day's report from British headquarters was despatched.

The British are continuing to improve their positions in the Somme region on the high ground between the Somme and the Ancre. Further progress was made there during the night. There was local fighting in the Buequoy region between Albert and Arras, and south of the Somme the heavy artillery fire that has been reported for some days past continued on the French front on both sides of the Avere.

London, May 9.—By a counter attack delivered last night by British troops the Germans were driven from the portions of the allied front line they had entered on the Flanders front in the La Clytte-Voormezele sector, the war office announced today.

Yesterday's attack on the Flanders line was carried out by two German divisions. Heavy casualties were inflicted upon them by the British forces.

A new German attack was made this morning on the Flanders front north of Kemmel. The enemy pressed back the British line slightly at one point.

Further progress was made last night by the British on the front east of Amiens, between the Somme and Ancre rivers.

FIGHTING KEPT UP NEAR VIERSTRATE

Allies Hold Practically All the Defenses They Had Before the Attack Started Yesterday.

With the British Army in France, May 9.—(By Associated Press)—Fighting still in progress this morning near Vierstrate on the front southwest of Ypres.

At one point the British were forced back slightly by machine gun fire. All the rest of the original defenses, however, appeared to be again in the hands of the defenders in the Voormezele-La-Clytte sector.

GERMANS EMPLOY THEIR BIG GUNS IN PICARDY

French Official Statement Tells of Heavy Fighting on Both Sides of the Avere —German Patrols Repulsed.

Paris, May 9.—Heavy artillery fighting on both sides of the Avere river on the front below Amiens is reported in today's official communication.

The text of the statement reads: "Spirited artillery fighting occurred last night north and south of the Avere.

"German patrols attempting to approach our lines in the region of Campelle St. Aignan were repulsed. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

CANADIANS HARRASS GERMANS BY RAIDS AT NEUVILLE-VITASSE

They Inflicted Heavy Casualties, Took Prisoners and Captured Two Machine Guns—They Themselves Had Slight Losses.

Canadian Army Headquarters, May 9 (By the Canadian Press, Limited).—Strong raiding parties of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick troops entered the

II ARE NOW DEAD FROM THE EXPLOSION OF TRENCH MORTAR

Investigation Has Been Started to Determine Cause of Tragedy at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 9.—The 11th victim of yesterday's trench mortar explosion died this morning. He was Private Alfred J. Woods of Abilene, Tex., of Headquarters company, 142d infantry. Private S. L. Davidson of Fort Worth also died today. Whether the shell was oversized, whether the gun was jammed with another shell or whether there was faulty construction will be developed.

The English instructors at the camp are mystified by the explosion. About a hundred shells had been fired from the gun when the explosion occurred.

Gen. E. St. John Greble, commanding officer at Camp Bowie, was standing less than 10 yards from the scene of the explosion with his two aides, Captain Houghton and Lieutenant Russell. They were uninjured. Lieutenant Colonel Metcalfe, division surgeon, and an enlisted man, also stood near by. The enlisted man was instantly killed, but Metcalfe was unhurt.

The bodies of some of the victims were literally blown to pieces.

The 142d and 143d infantry regiments were at the trench system near Benbrook and their firing practice was being watched from a distance by a large crowd of civilians.

The two gun crews, made up of men from the Headquarters companies of the two regiments, were operating new mortars, which were on a hill overlooking the trench system.

HITCHCOCK HEADS FOREIGN RELATIONS

Nebraskan Promoted to Place on Important Senate Committee Held by Late Senator Stone.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska was made chairman today of the Senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Hitchcock, who was senior Democratic member of the committee, succeeds the late Senator Stone in a rearrangement of Democratic committee assignments caused by recent deaths of several senators.

The steering committee decided to increase the Senate military committee by two members because of its importance during the war, and named Senator Smith of Georgia as a member. Senator Knox of Philadelphia probably will become the new Republican member.

Among other committee change was the election of Senator Lewis of Illinois to a vacancy on the finance committee.

Senator Hitchcock upon election as head of the foreign relations committee, retired as chairman of the Philippine committee. His place will be filled until later. Senator Saulsbury of Delaware may be named.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas was named on the foreign relations committee to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Stone's death.

WILSON ADMITS HE WAS IN ERROR

In Advising Credits to States in the Draft for Volunteers Furnished—He Writes to Chairman Dent.

Washington, May 9.—In a letter to Chairman Dent of the House military committee, President Wilson today said he was in error when he advised the committee he thought it would be proper to give states credit in the draft for volunteers furnished. The president wrote today he had not analyzed the situation fully at the time.

Yesterday the president wrote Chairman Dent disapproving the volunteer credit plan and the chairman announced he would ask the House to kill the proposed legislation.

ENGLAND TO CUT HER MEAT RATION

Regulations Will Be Put Into Effect Soon, Limiting Number of Butchers' Meat Cards.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—England is about to curtail still further the consumption of meat. A cablegram to the food administration today said that beginning within a few days, regulations would be instituted limiting the number of butchers' meat cards a week for each person to two instead of three as at present.

A third coupon may be used but only for bacon, fowl and other meat not classed as butchers' meat.

AVIATOR DIED OF INJURIES

Ralph E. Jeremy of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Was Hurt in Collision.

New York, May 9.—Ralph E. Jeremy, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., one of the army aviation cadets who fell 1,900 feet in a collision between two airplanes at Central Park, L. I., yesterday, died today at the signal corps hospital at Hempstead, N. Y.

The body will be shipped to his brother at Emporia, Kan.

ASQUITH ASKS INVESTIGATION

Moves for Appointment of a Select Committee on Maurice Charges

BRITISH CRISIS COMES TO HEAD

House of Commons Took Up the Matter This Afternoon

London, May 9.—Moving a motion in the House of Commons this afternoon for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by General Maurice, former director of military operations at the war office, ex-Premier Asquith said he thought it was not the business of Parliament to constantly inquire into the conduct of successive phases of the war.

The House of Commons, he added, had more than enough of such inquiries already.

Asquith denied that his motion was designed to obtain a vote of censure of the government, saying it was absurd to describe it as such. Should he find it his duty to censure the government, he said, he hoped that he would have the courage to do so in direct and unequivocal form.

Although the indications are that the government will weather to-day's storm, it is interesting to note that for the first time in the history of the Lloyd George administration, inspired intimations appear in that portion of the press which supports former Premier Asquith, that in the event of the government being defeated, there exists "an alternative government ready to step into the breach."

It is confidently declared in the same quarters that even should the ministry survive to-day its days are numbered.

On the government side, it is asserted that the premier has a complete answer to the accusations of General Maurice and that the debate will not turn on technical procedure, but will be what is described as an open discussion of the merits of the case, with certain important disclosures, relating to the extension of the British front in France by the fifth army.

It is understood that both Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law will make comprehensive statements, replying seriatim to all of General Maurice's points, leaving it to Mr. Asquith if he considers their explanations unsatisfactory, to push his motion to a division.

Meetings of the unionists and liberal war committees were held last night and it is understood both decided to support the government. The labor party decided to await the trend of the debate.

Among the minor points that have been authorized statement that General Maurice's letter was not shown previous to its publication, to any soldier or politician. The anti-government press contends that this rules out the allegations of collusion between General Maurice and Mr. Asquith.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY S. S. ASSOCIATION

Rev. Edgar Crossland of Barre Chosen President of Washington County Association at Montpelier.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Washington County Sunday School association held Wednesday evening at Montpelier.

President, Rev. Edgar Crossland, Barre; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. S. Andrews, Barre, Mrs. W. C. Colton, Montpelier, Mrs. M. W. Hale, Cabot, Mrs. W. A. Remple, Waitsfield, Rev. J. S. Sargent, Northfield, Mrs. Helen P. Lathrop, Waterbury, Mrs. George H. Rumney, Montpelier, secretary, Mrs. V. F. Milne, Barre; treasurer, George Maker, Barre; superintendent of elementary work, Mrs. O. G. Stickney, Barre; superintendent of home department, Miss Luna Cummings, Montpelier; superintendent of secondary work, Rev. V. L. Smith, Waterbury; superintendent of training, Rev. B. G. Lipsky, Barre; superintendent of temperance work, Mrs. Bertha Kellogg, Plainfield; superintendent of missions, Miss Olive Anderson, Montpelier; superintendent of adult work, Rev. S. F. Blomfield, Montpelier; state director, Dr. O. G. Stickney, Barre.

In the contest for memorization of Bible passages there were seven contestants in the first grade and eight in the second. These represented several towns, each district having previously held contests.

Ruth Wiley of Barre won the girls' first prize between the ages of nine and 13 and William Wallace of Waterbury the boys' in the same age. Howard Geake of Barre won the first boys' prize from 14 years up and Luvia Irene Page of Plainfield the girls' prize for the same ages. These four young people will go to Morrisville in the fall and at the state convention contest for the state prize. The judges were Miss Mildred Raymond of Montpelier, Miss Agnes Safford of Barre and G. K. Seager of Barre.

Wednesday evening Rev. William Shaw, presiding elder of the northern district in the Vermont conference, spoke to the assembly on "Character Building in the Sunday School."

Other speakers during the afternoon were Rev. W. G. Mead of Montpelier, "The Charm of the Book"; Rev. C. A. Boyd, state secretary, and Miss M. C. Warren made their reports, the latter of the elementary work of the state. Mr. Shaw upon "Keeping Up the Juniors" and Mr. Shaw upon the "Center of the Task" in the afternoon, all of which were to increase the enthusiasm in the work.

OUT OF DANGER

Former King Constantine of Greece Under-Constant Operation.

Zurich, Switzerland, May 9.—Former King Constantine of Greece has undergone an operation in Zurich hospital and is now out of danger. It is believed, however, that his convalescence will be slow.

SERIOUS FIRE AT NEW HAVEN

Acres of Railroad Shops Are in Danger of Destruction

STARTED TO-DAY NEAR YESTERDAY'S BLAZE

Heart of the Fire Is in the Building Housing Torpedoes

New Haven, Conn., May 9.—A fire of serious aspect broke out this noon in a round house adjacent to the shops of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway company, southwest of the station destroyed yesterday. Destruction of the shops, covering many acres seems likely, although opportunities for fighting the blaze are excellent.

The heart of the fire is in a store house in which, among other things, the railroad stored its track torpedoes. Firemen were engaged for some time in getting out boxes of these explosives. The fire may take a number of buildings.

Traffic Not Interrupted. No interruption in traffic will follow the destruction of the old station, it was stated today at the company's offices. Adjustment has already been made of conditions, and the freight clerks and other departments, which were ousted, are being placed elsewhere.

The old station had been used for train movements for some weeks, the eastbound trains having been transferred from it in March. The temporary station to the north had been used for west bound train movements for more than a year.

As to the source of yesterday's blaze there is only conjecture. Inquiry shows that when the upper part was wreathed in smoke there was none in the lower rooms. As clerks scurrying along the second floor saw no fire the supposition is that badly insulated wires started a fire between the floors and spread from one end to the other. This would account for the blaze breaking out at about the same point on both ends of the station. The railroad company lost quantities of records and some material, but the money loss is not deemed very heavy.

24 BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AT WESTPORT, ME.

Loss of \$200,000 Was Sustained in Island Town and Fire Swept Over Area of Dozen Square Miles.

Westport, Me., May 9.—After an all-night fight by citizens, a fire which swept over the southern end of Westport, an island town in Sheepscot river, was brought under control today. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Most of the 24 buildings destroyed were summer cottages owned by residents of other states. The fire, which was checked before it spread to the thickly populated section of the island, containing more than 100 homes, swept over an area of 12 square miles.

Serious damage to pine and spruce timber was reported.

COURT ORDERED "JUDGMENT AFFIRMED"

Because Attorneys Did Not Appear on Either Side and Supreme Court Followed Recently Established Rule —Washington County Case Next.

Some months ago the supreme court revised its rules and this morning one of them was placed in effect for the first time, with the result that the first case in Windsor county was affirmed and the clerk was instructed to enter upon his docket "judgment affirmed." This is the divorce case of Charles D. Weedon vs. Eliza A. Weedon, in which neither of the sides was represented in court. The rule recently made is that when cases are reached the court may dispose of the case if attorneys do not look after them.

The case came to the supreme court some years ago upon exceptions, the divorce having been granted in the lower court.

The entries made this morning brought the docket to Washington county and the case of Peter LaClair vs. the Montpelier & Wells River railroad was argued.

In this case the plaintiff obtained a substantial verdict in the lower court last fall for injuries received when a train of the defendant was pushed into Mr. LaClair's blacksmith shop.

The Rutland county cases were cleaned up last evening, the most of which were continued, although the entry of judgment affirmed was made in the case of C. J. Connel vs. Margaret B. Connel, petition for annulment of marriage. The case of Jones, administrator, vs. Mary A. Williams et al, was submitted on briefs, while that of Emma Raymond vs. Caroline Sheldon's estate was argued late in the afternoon. This is an appeal from the commissioners in probate court.

In Windham county this morning the case of Larrow vs. Cobb and Martell, the case was submitted on briefs. In Windsor county the motion to dismiss the appeal of the defendants in the cases of Horace C. Pease and of Charles Tompkins vs. Edward J. Edgerton and George Chedel were submitted on briefs. The dismissal is asked because the appeal was not taken from the final disposition of the case in the lower court.

DANBURY HATTERS' CASE

Was Postponed Till To-morrow, After a Brief Hearing.

Washington, May 9.—Difficulties of long standing between the hat manufacturers at Danbury, Conn., and their employees were taken up today by the national war labor board. The Danbury Hatters recently appealed to President Wilson for relief from conditions which they declared were intolerable.

After a brief conference with the hatters and their employes, the board postponed until to-morrow further consideration of the case and began a hearing of labor troubles in the Alabama steel industry.

WASHINGTON COUNTY TO FURNISH 27 PER CENT OF VERMONT'S QUOTA

Apportionment of Recent Draft Call Fixes the County's Quota as 161 and Barre Will Probably Furnish Most of Them.

Adj. Gen. H. T. Johnson this morning sent to the local boards their apportionments of men to respond to the colors May 25 to fill Vermont's quota of 899 men. In this call Washington county gets hit hard, and probably Barre will have a large share of these men. The large number from Washington county, 161, is caused by the fact that it has very few credits due to enlistments, meaning persons who have gone into the regular army, reserve corps and the like, but do not include credits in which the local board and war department differ as to the men recently sent to Camp Wadsworth.

Windham and Windsor counties are not touched by this call, while Chittenden county gets the largest number next to Washington county.

The quotas are:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Quota. Addison: 21, Bennington: 67, Caledonia: 57, Chittenden: 96, Essex: 5, Franklin: 15, Grand Isle: 47, Lamoille: 32, Orange: 29, Orleans: 28, Rutland No. 1: 16, Rutland No. 2: 5, Washington: 161, Windham: 161, Windsor: 161.

Two Small Special Calls

Gov. H. F. Graham this morning received two special calls for men from Vermont to go to different camps, in which a total of 13 persons are wanted. The first call is for 10 trainmen, including engineer, fireman, brakeman, conductor and flagman, who will go to Camp Dix. Self-induction will be permitted until May 28. The other call is for three veterinarians, who may self-induct to the same date. They will entrain June 1 and will go to Camp Lee.

Some Placed in Deferred Class

As a result of the meeting of the district board which was held in the State House Wednesday afternoon, the following persons were placed in a deferred class for the present: In Washington county, Clifford M. Story, Chief D. Levesque, Louis J. Gagnon, Walter W. White, in Caledonia county there were Raymond E. Coleman and Arthur J. Robinson. The residences of these young men were not given out. Orange and Windsor counties had no registrants making claims on industrial pursuits. Some 25 registrants were placed in deferred classes as a result of the meeting.

MECHANICS' RANKS ARE FILLED OUT

Washington County's Full Quota of the State's 365 Men Have Been Selected, So Draft Will Not Be Required.

Ranks full and substitutes available was the report given out by Chairman George N. Tilden of the county local board this forenoon in announcing that Washington county's quota of 41 in the 365 men who are to make up the mechanical contingent of the University of Vermont had been filled by induction. The time set for self-induction of registrants in the mechanics' contingent expired Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, but long before the hour arrived the county board had conferred with more than enough men to make up the apportionment. Men were applied for mechanics were given the preference. The 365 men are to report for duty at the state university May 16.

The following inductions yesterday completed the quota: Raymond O. Washburn of Barre, Dan H. Corse of Waterbury, Alfred Casanovi of Montpelier, George Walker of Grand avenue, Barre, and Wayne Burnham of East Calais.

The remaining members of the county contingent are: Bert W. Smith, William Alfred McLeod, Max Willey, Louis Fratini and Patrick H. Massie of Barre, William Kelleher of Montpelier, Charles Williams, Louis Sasserose, Harold T. Hawes, Edward O. McKay, John Robertson, Lee O. Tracy, Arthur Nicora, Ralph Dubuc, Dante Peduzzi, Peter R. Morgan, Eugene Manera, Ercole Pucci and Antonio Frabizio of Barre, Fred C. Donald, Norman McLeod and Wilfred Caprine of Barre, Philip Hill, Albert W. Moore, Francis Labarthe and James Ewing of East Montpelier, Henry Drummond, Henry Murray of Barre, Robert Ewen of Barre Town, Warren Lowe, Francis Kelleher, Ryland Taisey, Allen Lynch, Isidore Citrini and Achille Bellucci of Montpelier, T. J. Flannery of Waterbury, Everett S. Chase of West Berlin (held as substitute).

BAKER'S STATEMENT STARTS MUCH TALK

There Is a Great Deal of Speculation in Congress Over Number of American Soldiers in France.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Secretary Baker's statement announcing that his prediction that more than 500,000 American troops would be in France by early this year had even been surpassed, was widely discussed in Congress today, where some had been inclined to doubt the feasibility of the secretary's statement before the Senate military committee in January.

How many more than 500,000 have been sent abroad may not be disclosed for military reasons, and in making his statement, Secretary Baker specifically requested that it be carried to the public in exactly the terms in which he gave it. Under these circumstances it permits of no amplification.

Neither is it possible to state how many troops actually have been transported during the first four months of the calendar year 1918, as this would disclose to the enemy the rate at which troops are moving.

A Correction

A statement in the Times of May 3 that a divorce had been granted to Mary Mann from G. W. Mann was incorrect. The case is still pending in Washington county court.

RUTLAND MAN WAS WOUNDED

Private Edmond A. Beauchamp Received Slight Injuries

EIGHT OFFICERS AMONG CASUALTIES

Lieut. Harold Morgan of Vancouver Barrack Killed in Action

Washington, May 9.—The casualty list to-day contained 76 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 3; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 6; wounded severely, 13; wounded slightly, 41; prisoner, 1.

Officers named were: Lieutenant Harold Sydney Morgan, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., killed in action. Cadet Ivan D. Livingston, Pullman, Wash., died of accident; Lieutenants P. Dambrauskas, Philadelphia, Kostka Mudl, La Plata, Md.; Thomas H. Reagan, Canton, Ill.; James J. Sheeran, Chicago; Paul B. Stewart, Warren, Pa.; slightly wounded, and Captain Andrew S. Robinson, Columbus, Ohio, previously reported missing, now reported prisoner.

The list includes: Killed in action: Lieutenant Harold Sydney Morgan, Vancouver Barracks, Wash.; Manoh J. Kirby, West Baden, Ind.; Privates Harry J. Allen, Aurora, Ill.; Ernest C. Bell, Middlefield, Conn.; Robert A. Brewer, Finley, Tenn.; William H. Dalton, Holbrook, Mass.; Forest H. Harrison, Dearing, Ga.; Melvin T. Johnson, Hawley, Minn.; Charles R. Livemore, Dorchester, Mass.; Michael Viotti, Monterey, Cal.

Died of disease: Sergeant Herbert E. Sheldon, 839 Broad street, Providence, R. I.; Privates Henry H. Hoyt, Chelsea, Mass.; Lee McGowan, Conroe, Tex.; Arthur Eugene Newman, St. Louis, Mo.; Horace B. Quiver, Encampment, Wyo.; Peter C. Smith, Colby, Wis.

Died of accident: Cadet Ivan D. Livingston, Pullman, Wash.; Private John S. Henry, Bristol, Conn.

Died of wounds received in action: Corporal Albert L. Tate, Cummings, Kan.; Privates Earl W. Mountain, Ada, Kan.; Clinton C. Walda, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The list of slightly wounded contains the name of Private Edmond A. Beauchamp of 20 Royce street, Rutland, Vt. Wounded severely: Corporals Elwood T. Bauman, central fire station, Easton, Pa.; George D. Kirchofer, Kidder, Mo.; Roy L. Tower, 18 Admiral street, New Haven, Conn.; Juan I. Trujillo, Logan, N. M.; Privates Herbert W. Chappell, Syracuse, N. Y.; Arthur F. Hargraves, Merrimac, Mass.; James Hora, Clutier, Ia.; Elmar Sundbek, Racine, Wis.; Guy Kretzer, Independence, Kan.; Frank J. Maruna, Cleveland, Ohio; Edward Panter, Harrisburg, Ill.; Thomas Szwabk, Hartford, Conn.; Arthur L. Van Bibber, Wellston, Ohio.

Prisoner: Captain Andrew S. Robinson, Columbus, Ohio (previously reported missing).

1,108 NEW ENGLANDERS ON CASUALTY LISTS IN FOREIGN SERVICE

There Have Been 293 Deaths, of Which 133 Were Killed in Action—Greatest Loss Since April 15.

Boston, May 9.—The names of 1108 New England men have appeared on a casualty list of the American forces landed in France, a tabulation of reports from the front showed to-day. There were 293 deaths, 789 wounded, 20 missing and six reported as prisoners. One hundred and fifty-three were killed in action, 37 died of wounds, 88 of disease and 19 of other causes. Of the total 738 New England casualties were reported since April 15.

VERMONTERS CITED

Lieut. James W. Brown of Quechee Recommended by Extraordinary Bravery.

Boston, May 9.—Second Lieutenant James W. Brown of the 104th infantry, of Quechee, Vt., has been cited for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in fighting in France and has been recommended for the award of the distinguished service cross.

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

Trades Union Congress and Labor Party Make Appeal.

London, May 9.—A joint committee of the trades union congress and the labor party has seen a strong appeal to the government against enforcing conscription in Ireland. It says in part: "It must be clearly evident to the government that an attempt to enforce conscription would mean not only the shedding of blood of thousands of Irishmen, Englishmen and Scotchmen, but also the maintenance of a huge permanent army of occupation."

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