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Teutons Institute Intense Bombardment Also in Vicinity of Loivre, Forest of Nieppe and Givency. Britons Win Local Clashes.

PARIS, May 3.—French troops have gained ground near Villers-Bretonneux on the Amiens front, the War Office announces.

The French attacked yesterday on the front between Hallies and Castel, southeast of Amiens and captured Hill 82 and the wood on the Avre River nearby. More than 100 prisoners were taken.

LONDON, May 3.—In local fighting last night south of Villers-Bretonneux, says Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight, "our troops co-operated with the French and secured a few prisoners."

Artillery is active. The enemy artillery showed considerable activity this morning north of Albert, in the Beaumont Hamel sector. Apart from artillery activity on both sides on parts of the front there is nothing to report.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 3, via Ottawa.—A tremendous crescendo of gunfire broke out today, the principal increase being apparent in the Lys region.

In the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonneux, on the front before Amiens, the British gained the advantage in local fighting. On the northern front there was active artillery fighting, especially near Givency, the forest of Nieppe and Loivre and south of Ypres.

German Behind Schedule.

The objective timetables of the Germans indicate that they are finding their task to advance in Flanders and on the Somme, where they are yet at a standstill, much heavier than they anticipated.

The Australians carried out successful counter operations of a minor character at Villers-Bretonneux during the night, while the Canadians mopped up a strong post, taking seven prisoners and five machine guns.

Further north the British rushed a machine gun emplacement, clearing it out and bringing in three survivors of the garrison.

(By the Associated Press.)

Having met with a reverse in their operations on the northern side of the Flanders salient, where the French and British have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of Ypres and the high ground which forms a bulwark in front of the channel ports, the Germans have, as indicated by the most recent reports, turned to the southern side of the angle in the allied lines in Northern France.

On Thursday night and Friday the German artillery had seemingly centered its fire on the line between Givency and the Nieppe forest, and it may be that the enemy soon will launch an attack against this vital section of the front line.

Heavy Cannonade Opens.

Dispatches from the British headquarters tell of a tremendous cannonade in the Lys region, which may be taken to mean the part of the Flanders battlefield at or near Merville, where the Germans made their greatest advance after the fall of Arras.

Articles appearing in German newspapers would seem to indicate efforts to prepare the German people for an announcement that there will be no immediate attempt to take Ypres.

While waiting for the Germans to make their next move, the allies have not been idle. All along the line their patrols have been active and at Hamard and Villers-Bretonneux, before Amiens, they have taken tactical positions from the Teutons.

Zeebrugge Canal Yet Closed.

The British Admiralty has found that the channel at Zeebrugge, in which old British cruisers recently were sunk during the naval raid on the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, is still blocked and will probably remain so for a considerable time.

German troops operating in Ukraine have advanced into the Donets coal region. In the eastern part of the government of Kharkov. The presence of Germans as far east as this would seem to indicate that Teutonic domination of Southern Russia, and the Black Sea is almost complete.

LONDON, May 3.—A representative of General Radcliffe, director of military operations at the War Office, today summed up the military situation on the western front as follows:

"In the north, while the Germans failed in their objective, they made their right flank secure by the capture of Kemmel; but we must regard the operation from the viewpoint of economy of men, and they used five divisions from the general reserve, besides"

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WAR ORPHAN TO GO WITH EVERY BOAT

TWO PORTLAND SHIPYARDS TO ADOPT CHILD FOR EACH SHIP.

Foundation Company and G. M. Standifer Company Decide on Novel Plan for New Craft.

Future launchings of vessels for the French government by the Foundation Company, and for the American Government by the G. M. Standifer Construction Company, will carry deeper significance than in the past, for plans are under way to adopt a war orphan in the battle zone every time a ship goes into the water at either yard.

The Foundation Company's loyal women employees intend to start the programme there, subscribing \$57 for the care of a French child for a year each time a ship goes into the water, the sponsor of the vessel to be elected the godmother of the little dependent abroad.

The Standifer organization will carry out a similar beneficiary scheme, selecting a Belgian child to be the recipient of its aid. At the latter yard the women are so much in the minority that the funds will be contributed to generally.

CHARLES CHAPMAN, of Waterloo, Ia., with American Aviators, Engages German at Close Range and Both Fall Wrapped in Fire.

SOLDIER'S SIGHT RESTORED

Operation on Vertebrae of Neck of Anzac Private Proves Successful.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Blinded by a shell explosion at the battle of Gallipoli in the early months of the war, Thomas Skeyhill, an Anzac private, had his sight restored here today by a simple operation on the vertebrae of his neck.

Examination of Skeyhill, who has been lecturing throughout the country in the interests of the third liberty loan, showed a vertebrae at the head of the spinal column slightly out of position and a correction easily was made with the result that the blindness was dispelled. Physicians explained that the displaced vertebrae had impaired functions of nerves indispensable to sight.

ICEMAN'S HOPES DASHED

No Profiteering in Frozen Industry to Be Permitted This Summer.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Formal notice of its determination not to permit profiteering in ice this summer has been given by the Food Administration in making public a telegram today sent to state food administrators.

Ice dealers will be required to file with the local administrator any proposed schedule of increased prices before they are put into effect, and where local authorities are unable to prevent unreasonable charges the administration is prepared to use all its powers under the license provision of the food control law.

BONE-DRY PLAN BEATEN

House Committee Votes Adversely on Representative Randall's Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The House committee on postoffices today turned down a proposition to make the District of Columbia "bone dry." Representative Randall, of California, told the committee that Congress has been attacked because the District alone is exempted from the provision of the law against shipment of liquor into dry territory.

The committee voted adversely on Mr. Randall's bill to include the District of Columbia in the "bone-dry" law.

PERSIA ANNULS TREATY

Holland Informed Russo-British Agreement of 1907 Repealed.

THE HAGUE, May 3.—Persia has informed Holland that it regards as null and void all treaties imposed on Persia in recent years, and especially the Russo-British treaty of 1907 regarding the spheres of influence in that country.

The other treaties may be revised later, the communication from the Persian government states, but that of 1907, with its appendices, is "finally annulled."

FILM STARTS \$150,000 FIRE

Theater, Stores and Residences Destroyed at Three Rivers, Quebec.

THREE RIVERS, Quebec, May 3.—Fire which started in the film-room of the Victoria Theater today destroyed the building and a number of stores and residences with a property loss estimated at \$150,000. There was no loss of life.

Three Rivers is the second oldest city in Canada. It was visited by a disastrous fire in 1906, when half the city was burned.

CABARET SINGER SET FREE

Jury Acquits Ruby Dean, Charged With Murder of Dr. Quitman.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Miss Ruby Dean, a cabaret singer, was acquitted on a charge of having murdered Dr. Leon H. Quitman by a jury in the Criminal Court today. The jury deliberated but a short time before returning its verdict of not guilty.

She is the 37th woman to be acquitted by a Cook County jury within a few years.

U. S. AIR SQUADRON ROUTS HUN FLYERS

Yankee and Boche Dash to Earth in Flames.

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Deadly Battle Witnessed by Americans in Trenches.

AERIAL STUNTS THRILL ALL

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—In a desperate air fight over the American line northwest of Toul today Charles W. Chapman, Jr., of Waterloo, Ia., and a German pilot with whom he was fighting plunged to earth inside the German lines, both their machines wrapped in flames.

Five American pilots, in fast pursuit machines, were patrolling over the American lines, when they encountered German formation of an equal number of airplanes and promptly attacked.

Planes Plunge to Earth.

Chapman singled out one of the enemy single-seaters and they moved off, battling desperately. Suddenly both machines were seen to burst into flames and almost at the same time plunged to the earth behind the German lines.

The four remaining American pilots chased the other enemy machines back over their territory, but all of them escaped. The four American machines returned safely.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when the American patrolling machines left the ground one after the other. They circled above the hangars until they got into a Y-shaped formation. Then, with the roar of motors, they hit for the line. They had patrolled the section once and were starting on a second tour when sparkling specks were seen in the sky far within the German lines.

Germans Seem Surprised.

The American airmen turned quickly, but kept their formation. The men in the front lines watched the two formations and saw the German group continue on its course and the American planes starting out to head them off. The American pilots soon recognized the other formation was German and went up higher, but the enemy did not seem to see them until the Americans were almost overhead.

Suddenly the American formation took a dive toward the Germans, who swung about sharply. Then the machine guns came into action and the battle was on, while watchers on the ground were unable to tell which was which, as all 10 machines dived in and out, up and down, and turned and banked.

Then one machine, a German, left the formation and another, in which Chapman was, dived to earth.

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GERMANS CAPTURE 20,000 FINLANDERS

HUNS CLAIM VICTORY, AFTER FIVE DAYS OF BATTLE.

Clash Takes Place Near Lakhli. Poles Seize Cholm District From Ukraine Government.

BERLIN, via London, May 3.—"In Southwestern Finland we have overwhelmingly defeated the enemy during a five days' battle near Lakhli and Tava-Thus, capturing 20,000 prisoners," says the German official communication issued this evening.

LONDON, May 3.—A dispatch from Kiev to Copenhagen, as forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch, says that the Cholm district, which, under the Brest-Litovsk treaty was given to the Ukraine, has been taken over completely by the Poles. Polish functionaries have been appointed and Polish courts have been established.

The Cholm district was included in Russian Poland. A large number of its inhabitants are Poles.

LONDON, May 3.—Finnish newspapers are calling for the establishment of a monarchy in Finland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The Svenska Tidningen, the organ of the peasant party, openly advocates that a German prince be appointed King.

STOCKHOLM, May 3.—Negotiations are in progress to offer the crown of Finland to Duke Adolph Friedrich of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, according to the Helsingfors correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet.

Duke Adolph Friedrich was born in Schwerin on October 10, 1873. He is an uncle of Friedrich Franz, Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

233,000 MORE MEN WILL JOIN COLORS

Oregon Exempt From Next Draft Call.

CONGRESS ASKED FOR FUNDS

Army Will Need 15 Billions for Next Fiscal Year.

NEW CANTONMENTS LIKELY

Secretary Baker Asserts Men Are to Be Called as Rapidly as Equipment and Training Facilities Will Permit.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Simultaneously with the announcement today that 233,000 men from 45 states had been called to join the colors in May, Secretary Baker indicated the scope of the Government's plans for increasing the fighting forces by stating that Congress had been asked to appropriate approximately \$15,000,000,000 for the Army for the next fiscal year. That amount is exclusive of funds provided in the fortifications bill, which not only covers coast defenses but as a rule provides the bulk of heavy field ordnance.

Last year the Army estimates aggregated \$6,000,000,000, to pay for a force of 1,500,000 men, which already has been exceeded.

Oregon Excluded From Call.

The call for 230,000 men during May goes to all states except California, Oregon and Nevada, which, with the District of Columbia, already have supplied so large a part of their quotas that it was decided not to include them this time.

The movement in most states will begin May 25 and will be completed in five days.

By this order the War Department abandons the plan of assembling men in even monthly increments of approximately 100,000. The call for 150,000 in April and 233,000 this month will bring out in two months half of the number originally contemplated for the year. Officials made it clear that it is now the purpose to mobilize all the men for whom equipment and training facilities can be provided.

"Let us avoid specific figures," Secretary Baker again said today. "They imply limits. There is no limit. We will call out enough men to make victory certain. We will call them as rapidly as they can be trained and sent forward."

Camps to Be Enlarged.

In preparation for this tremendous increase in the Army the House military committee was told today that every existing cantonment in the country will be enlarged and every National Guard camp utilized to its full capacity.

It is regarded as probable that some new cantonments may be built. Ground already has been obtained in the vicinity of several cantonments for expansion.

The May draft allotments were made

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SWARMING BREAKS RECORD

Portland Bees Gather at Earliest Date Ever Known Here.

Put this down in your book of astonishing facts along with the record rains, cold spells and ship launchings: Bees swarmed in Portland on May 3, 1918, the earliest date in the memory of Oregon beekeepers.

Douglas Hewitt, 4210 Sixty-fifth street Southeast, who has several colonies of the honeybees, reported the early swarming yesterday. The bees swarmed on the first blossoms. Never in Mr. Hewitt's recollection as a beekeeper in Oregon, Kansas and Missouri have they swarmed before the latter part of May.

Down East they sing "A swarm in May is worth a ton of hay."

TEUTONIC NAME OFFENDS

Residents of Germantown, Cal., Move for Change.

GERMANTOWN, Cal., May 3.—(Special.)—A petition to change the name of Germantown is being circulated among residents and patrons of the postoffice here. Within 24 hours of the launching of the petition in the field half of the patrons of the postoffice had signed it. The name favored as a substitute is Artois.

The agitation to change the name of the town was caused by the action of a trainload of drafters en route to Camp Lewis from California points when only the vigilance of the Southern Pacific employees at the station and on the train kept them from tearing the station sign from the depot.

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CASH AND LIFE PLEDGED

Sailor Buys \$500 in Liberty Bonds at Home in Scappoose.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., May 3.—(Special.) When James Callahan, 24, home on a furlough from Mare Island, Cal., to visit his parents here, stepped into the liberty loan headquarters today and put down \$500 for liberty bonds, he declared there were more ways than one of fighting the Kaiser and he was going to do it with both money and his life, if necessary.

This purchase of bonds today placed the total of Scappoose at \$15,000, although the quota was only \$9500.

Young Callahan will sail for San Francisco next Tuesday to resume his training in the Navy.

U-BOAT BASE CHOKED YET

Germans Work feverishly to Make Zeebrugge Again Useful.

LONDON, May 3.—Latest reports show that the Germans are displaying great activity in endeavoring to repair the damage caused at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base on the Belgian coast, by the British naval raid. The channel still remains blocked and it is thought likely it will remain so for a considerable time.

Apart from the fact that the entrance is occupied by two sunken concrete-filled vessels, the position of the sunken cruiser Thetis, which lies at the edge of the shoal, is likely to increase the difficulties of dredging and prevent the harbor from being cleared up.

ELECTRICITY PROPELS SHIP

Merchantman, First of Its Kind, to Start Maiden Voyage Soon.

LONDON, May 3.—The first electrically propelled merchant ship ever built in England and the largest electric vessel in the world is now undergoing its finishing touches at a British shipyard and will soon start on its first voyage.

A combination of steam and electricity is employed.