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### NEW DRIVE NETS 5300 GERMANS

### French Win Brilliant Victory on 4-Mile Front.

### DOMINATING HEIGHTS TAKEN

### Heavy Counter Attacks in Vicinity of Craonne Are Repulsed Successfully.

### BRITISH BLAST WAY ON

### Progress Near Bullecourt Is Steady—Airmen Continue Daring Performances.

**PARIS, May 5.**—A brilliant success for the French arms is recorded in the official communication tonight. An important French advance has been made against powerful opposition along the road from Soissons to Laon, over an extent of nearly four miles.

French troops have captured all the plateau in the neighborhood of Cerny and Craonne and the hills dominating the valley of the Ailette River. The number of prisoners captured today was 4900, in addition to the 1000 taken yesterday.

### Heavy Counter Attacks Fail.

Heavy counter attacks launched by the Germans with fresh divisions last night on the positions captured by the French yesterday along the front from Craonne to Mont Carnillet were repulsed.

In addition the French made progress east of Mont Carnillet.

**LONDON, May 5.**—The British have made further progress north of Havincourt wood and near Fresnoy, according to an official statement issued by the War Office this morning.

### Bullecourt Is Battle Center.

The most intensive center of the fighting in the past 24 hours continued to be in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, telegraphs the Reuter correspondent at the British headquarters in France.

"Here the battle is continuous and surges in and around the ruined village so that it is difficult to say what the situation is at the given moment," says the dispatch.

"South of Bullecourt the British appear not only to have maintained their positions on the Hindenburg switch, but during the night their bombers worked their way along an appreciable stretch of both front and support trenches of this system in the direction of Queant.

"It is no wonder, owing to the great tactical significance of our gains at this point, that the Germans are delivering such violent counter attacks, in which they are suffering prodigious losses."

### WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, via London, May 5.

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### BERLIN'S TERMS OF PEACE SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN FORT-NIGHT PROMISED.

**Von Bethmann-Hollweg's Decision to Define Aims Is Result of Pressure From All Parties.**

**COPENHAGEN, via London, May 5.**—A plainer declaration of Germany's peace conditions will be made by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg within a fortnight.

Dr. Karl Helfferich, the Vice-Chancellor, announced yesterday that an answer would be made within this time by the Chancellor to the interpellations presented by the Conservatives and the Socialists.

The Chancellor's decision to define Germany's aims was the result of pressure exerted from all sides.

**BERLIN, via London, May 5.**—The committee on foreign affairs of the federal Diet is expected to meet Tuesday for the purpose of receiving a statement from Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, on the military, political and economic situation.

It is predicted that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's announcement will coincide with the reply he will make to the interpellations of the conservatives and social democrats regarding Germany's war aims.

### CAPTAIN WRIGHT WEDS Washougal Girl Is Bride of Portland Artillery Officer.

**VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.**—(Special.)—On the eve of his departure for San Diego to enter the Army Aviation Corps, Captain Frank M. Wright, who on Thursday was relieved from duty as commanding officer of the Eighth Company, Coast Artillery, Oregon National Guard, came to Vancouver, secured a marriage license, and was wedded to Miss Martha Goot, daughter of a prominent Washougal family.

Captain Wright's mother, Mrs. Margaret A. Wing, accompanied the couple when they secured the marriage license, and none of the Captain's friends knew of the ceremony.

### JEERING OF FLAG CHARGED Youth of German Descent Arrested at Proebstel.

**VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.**—Ernest C. Phillipson, a resident of Proebstel, was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff George M. Johnson, on a charge of publicly jeering at the American flag and making remarks in violation of the statute. Phillipson is alleged to have said that he "would die any time to see the flag torn down."

Though he gave his age as 15 years, the man stands six feet in height and weighs 130 pounds. Phillipson was born in this country, but his father is a naturalized German.

### GIRL, 13, WINS IN ORATION Miss Ruth Hill to Represent Aberdeen High School in Contest.

**ABERDEEN, Wash., May 5.**—(Special.)—Miss Ruth Hill, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Hill, of the First Methodist Church, won the Aberdeen High School annual declamatory contest last night with her rendition of "The Death Bride of the Tay."

Besides receiving a silver medal she gained the honor of representing the school in the county declamatory contest to be held at Montesano Friday night.

### U. S. TO FEED BELGIANS Foodstuffs Also to Be Sent to Occupied Districts of France.

**HAVRE, France, May 5.**—The Belgian government has been advised that the United States will devote \$150,000,000 for provisioning the population of the occupied districts of Belgium and France. Of this sum, \$90,000,000 will be devoted to Belgium.

It is estimated that the cost of feeding is approximately \$7,000,000 monthly.

### RUSSIAN NOTE TO ALLIED COUNCIL MODIFIED

### Cabinet Pacifics Council of Soldiers.

### PEACE TERMS INTERPRETED Delegation Gives Small Majority Vote of Confidence.

### DEMONSTRATION IS FORBIDDEN Troops Not Permitted to Leave Barracks With Arms and Meetings in Petrograd Are Taboo for Period of Two Days.

**PETROGRAD, via London, May 5.**—The sitting of the grand council of the workmen and soldiers' delegates ended late last night, after the delegates had discussed a supplementary communication from the provisional government, explaining the note of May 1 to the allies.

The council passed a resolution declaring that the government's new note, which it will send to the allies, puts an end to all interpretations of the note of May 1, contrary to the interests and aims of the revolutionary democracy.

Another resolution was adopted declaring that the policy of annexation for the first time had been made the subject of international discussion, and this fact should be considered an important victory for democracy.

The resolution concluded: "The executive committee, while asserting its unalterable determination not to make peace except on these conditions, appeals to the entire revolutionary democracy of Russia to rally around the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates, and declare its firm assurance that the peoples of all the belligerent countries will be able to overcome the resistance of their governments and force them to enter negotiations for peace on the basis of renunciation of all annexations and indemnities."

The explanation of the note of May 1, which the provisional government gave to the council and which will be forwarded to the allied governments, follows:

"The note was subjected to long and detailed examination by the provisional government and was unanimously approved."

### Note Is Explained.

"It was obvious that this note, in speaking of a decisive victory, had in view a solution of the problems which were mentioned in the communication of April 9 and which was thus specified:

"The government deems it to be its right and duty to declare now that free Russia does not aim at the domination of other nations or at depriving them of their national patrimony or at occupying by force foreign territories, but that its object is to establish a durable peace on the basis of the rights of nations to decide their own destiny."

"The Russian nation does not just after the strengthening of its power abroad at the expense of other nations; its aim is not to subjugate or humiliate anyone. In the name of the higher principles of equity, the Russian people have broken the chains which fettered the Polish nation, but it will not suffer that its own country shall emerge from the great struggle humiliated or weakened in its vital force."

"In referring to the penalties and guarantees essential to a durable peace the provisional government had in view the reduction of international tribunals, etc."

### Grant County Farmers Find Planting Greatly Delayed.

**BAKER, Or., May 5.**—(Special.)—Continuing rains in Grant County this week have swollen the rivers and creeks so that many fields are inundated, causing extensive damage. Long Creek has overflowed its banks at many places, making small rivers across fields so that it will be impossible to plant crops until the middle of summer.

Because of the great amount of snow in the mountains it is expected that the rivers will be high all summer.

The water is now within a few feet of the bridge at Stephen Harer's ranch and is expected to rise until it sweeps the structure away.

### Missouri Corn Acreage Increased.

**COLUMBIA, Mo., May 5.**—An increase in the Missouri corn acreage of about 750,000 for this year was indicated in the monthly crop report issued here today by the State Board of Agriculture. The wheat condition in the state is placed for May 1 as 51.9 as against 59.6 a month before and ten-year average of 52.6.

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### PLANS TO ATTACK KIEL CANAL HINTED

### Scientists Prepared to Combat U-Boats.

### AMERICA TO BE AGGRESSOR Scheme Includes Bottling Up North Sea Completely.

### ELECTRICITY TO BE USED Experiments Made With Secret Devices Prove Successful, Naval Consulting Board Announces. Details Are Kept Secret.

**NEW YORK, May 5.**—(Special.)—William L. Saunders, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board, announced today that the board had forwarded to the Government at Washington a plan for aggressive operation against submarines which, in the opinion of the members of the Board, would soon put an end to the submarine menace.

He added that a companion plan for the destruction of German establishments on land in which the board had confidence had also been sent to Washington.

Without committing himself, he intimated that an attack might be made on the Kiel canal.

**Experiments Are Successful.**  
Mr. Saunders said that he could not go into full details about the plans, as to do so would reveal information valuable to the enemy. But he gave a general outline of what the board contemplated and said that the measures proposed were not matters of speculation, but had been tested and proved by 15 sub-committees of the Naval Consulting Board, which had been working on them at Atlantic Coast ports and elsewhere for three months. He was confident that the means for the extinction of the submarines had been provided by the Board.

The most important immediate step proposed, said Mr. Saunders, was the closing of the North Sea so that submarines could not get through into the Atlantic Ocean.

**Electricity to Be Used.**  
This could be done, he insisted, by the employment of several new inventions in conjunction with the Naval Forces of the United States.

What the new inventions were, Mr. Saunders said he could not reveal, but he admitted that they would involve an extensive use of electricity and had been perfected largely through the genius and work of Thomas A. Edison, who had been devoting all of his time at his laboratory on Orange Mountain and at a seacoast experimental station to their development.

The allies, Mr. Saunders said, have successfully closed the English Channel to submarines by the use of high watch towers on the shores of France and England, from which suspicious disturbances on the face of the water can be detected and by the employment in connection with these of nets, destroyers, airplanes, mines and other implements.

**Expansive Problems Overcome.**  
The comparative narrowness and shallowness of the Channel has made it possible for these forces to be successful.

Similar operations at the northern exit of the North Sea have been made impossible by the wide and stormy waters between Scotland and Norway. Mr. Saunders asserted, but he added these natural obstacles could be overcome by the naval forces of the United States in conjunction with the recently

### SPANELL HELD FOR KILLING OF OFFICER CONVICTION FOLLOWS ACQUITTAL OF WIFE MURDER CHARGE.

### Shooting Result of Alleged Undue Attention Paid Mrs. Spanell by Lieutenant-Colonel Butler.

**COLEMAN, Tex., May 5.**—A verdict of guilty of murder was returned tonight by the jury in the case of Harry J. Spanell, charged with the killing of Lieutenant-Colonel M. C. Butler.

Punishment was fixed at five years' imprisonment.

Spanell almost collapsed when the verdict was read. Counsel for the defense announced a motion for a new trial would be filed immediately and, if not granted, an appeal would be taken. The plea for reversal, they said, would be based specifically upon the refusal of the court to sustain the defense's plea of "former acquittal."

Spanell was indicted for killing his wife and Lieutenant-Colonel Butler at Alpine on the night of July 20, 1916. The charge of killing his wife, Mrs. Crystal Holland Spanell, was tried at San Angelo last February on a charge of venue. Spanell was acquitted and the case against him for killing Butler was brought to Coleman County. The trial began Monday, April 23.

Testifying in his own behalf, Spanell said Butler showed undue attention to Mrs. Spanell, despite several warnings and promises to cease these attentions.

On the evening of the double shooting, Spanell testified, Butler had insisted Mrs. Spanell in an upstairs room of the Holland Hotel at Alpine. He invited Butler into an automobile with himself and wife and, after driving a short distance, demanded an explanation. In the ensuing altercation shots were fired by both Butler and Spanell. The shot that killed his wife, Spanell declared, had been fired by Butler.

Spanell declared he fired in self-defense, Butler being the aggressor.

### W. D. SKINNER HURT WHEN AUTO SKIDS Railroad Man's Condition Is Serious.

### W. E. COMAN, DRIVER, BRUISED Four Others in Party Escape With Trifling Injuries.

**Accident Happens at East Thirteenth Street and Bybee Avenue and Preliminary Treatment Given at Sellwood Hospital.**

**W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Portland, Spokane & Seattle Railway, suffered internal injuries, a badly bruised skull, and spinal injuries in an automobile crash at East Thirteenth street and Bybee avenue last night at 5:30 o'clock.**

Wilber E. Coman, vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Electric Company, who was driving the automobile, was slightly bruised and cut about the head.

Others in the accident were Phil Metsehan, Jr., of the Imperial Hotel; George H. Kelly, 826 Johnson street, president of the Whitmer-Kelly Company, and recently appointed a member of the Port of Portland; Christ E. Minsinger, 221 East Thirteenth street, North, president of the Star Sand Company, and John H. Burgard, insurance man, 819 Hill Crest drive.

**Car Skids on Turn.**  
The accident occurred as Mr. Coman attempted to turn off of East Thirteenth street into Bybee avenue. His car skidded and struck a telephone pole while still under good speed.

All the occupants of the automobile were shaken and bruised, but Mr. Skinner was the only one seriously hurt. Preliminary examination and treatment of his injuries were made at the Sellwood General Hospital and later Mr. Skinner was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company, where he was hurried to the surgery. Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie was called.

Mr. Minsinger was badly bruised about the face.

**Car Badly Damaged.**  
When the accident occurred the party was en route to the city from Mr. Skinner's home near the Waverly Country Club, according to Mr. Coman, who, after being treated at the Sellwood Hospital, was able to leave for his home. D. T. Honeyman, who was passing the scene of the crash, assisted in taking the injured members to the Sellwood Hospital.

The automobile was considerably damaged in the impact.

Patrolman Park made an investigation of the accident.

Mr. Coman said of the accident that the car failed to respond properly when he turned the corner and skidded into the pole when he attempted to stop it.

**Prominent Place Held.**  
Mr. Skinner is one of the best known railroad men in the Northwest, and is prominent among Portland business men. He came to Portland about 20 years ago and entered the service of the O.-W. R. & N. Company as a minor clerk. By repeated promotions he became assistant general freight agent, general freight agent and general freight and passenger agent of the lines between Portland and Seattle with headquarters in Seattle.

In July, 1912, he became assistant traffic manager for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, and in January of the following year was appointed traffic manager of the North Bank and its affiliated lines, succeeding Mr. Coman in the latter position.

### BEATEN CANDIDATE SUICIDE Man Defeated by Miss Rankin Takes Poison.

**ELKHART, Ind., May 5.**—E. Jacob Crull, of Roundup, Mont., who was defeated for the Republican nomination for Congress in his district by Jeanette Rankin at the 1916 primary, died here today, the result of taking poison. Crull drank the poison at an undertaking establishment last night and died today in a hospital. No cause for the act is known.

### GERMAN RIOTERS ARE SHOT Disorders Over Food Shortage at Mainz Reported Grave.

**AMSTERDAM, via London, May 5.**—Grave rioting has occurred in Mainz, Germany, according to a report received here by the Telegraf. Sixteen hundred people took part in a demonstration because of the scarcity of food and a number of shops were looted. Troops fired on the demonstrators, the report adds, and eight persons were killed.

Later the troops arrested 500 persons.

### MORE RAIN IS PREDICTED Normal Temperature Is Forecast for This Week.

**WASHINGTON, May 5.**—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, May 6, issued by the weather bureau, are:

Pacific states—Normal temperature and generally fair except that occasional rains are probable on the North Pacific Coast.

### SNOW FALLS AT DENVER Storm Is Reported General in Rocky Mountain Region.

**DENVER, May 5.**—Four and one-half inches of snow had fallen at Denver today.

The snow storm is general over the Rocky Mountain regions, according to the local weather bureau.

### OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS INSPIRE THE PEN OF CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

