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## HOUSE VOTES; VICTORY GOES TO MINISTRY

**Lloyd George Scores Notable Success in Controversy Over Charges Made by General Frederick B. Maurice**

## PREMIER SPEAKS IN DEFENCE OF POLICIES

**Gives in Detail Fighting Strength of Army—Crowd Hears Debate**

LONDON, May 9.—The Lloyd George ministry won a notable victory in the house of commons today. By a vote of 233 to 106 the house voted down a motion introduced by former Premier Asquith, providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate charges made by Major General Frederick B. Maurice, recently relieved of his post of chief director of military operations at the war office.

Stirred by the imminence of a cabinet crisis, the people of London crowded the public galleries long before the debate opened. The diplomatic and peers' galleries also were thronged.

## Premier Scarcely

Immediately after the introduction of Mr. Asquith's motion, the premier took the floor and spoke in defense of the government. He refuted the charges of General Maurice, and declared that statements made in his recent speech to which Maurice's charges referred were made on information received from General Maurice's department of the war office. He showed also by documentary evidence that the extension of the British line was made because of pressure exerted by France, and that the decision was taken on the advice of the military authorities in agreement with Field Marshal Haig, the war cabinet having interfered in no way in the matter, although it approved of the dispositions.

When the premier left the house he was largely cheered.

The premier, discussing General Maurice's action, said he had ascertained that Maurice had never made representations to the chief of staff on the subject.

"Yet," the premier continued sarcastically, "this is so important that a select committee must be set up into it; so important as to justify General Maurice trampling on the king's regulations and setting up an example of indiscipline to the whole army."

## Anxious For Inquiry

Both he and Mr. Bonar Law were anxious for examination of their statements by a perfectly impartial tribunal. There was a mass of confidential documents involved and he maintained that a select committee was not the best tribunal to investigate facts when passions were aroused. The house of commons long ago came to a similar decision when such questions as disputed elections were involved. Mr. Asquith had deprecated a select committee to investigate Mesopotamia for reasons which the premier considered right.

With reference to the strength of the army, the premier said:

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## Second Fire Burns Over Property of Railroad

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 9.—Within half a mile of the still smoldering ruins of the historic passenger station burned yesterday, fire again today swept through property of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, this time the headquarters shops and yard system, causing damage of about \$60,000. A rigid inquiry into the cause of the two fires has been begun.

Among the records burned were those for overtime payments due employees under the proposed wage readjustments.

## Pershing Asks Soldiers to Observe Mothers' Day

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—General John J. Pershing has issued the following order to all units of the American expeditionary forces in France:

"May 8—To All Commanding Officers: 'I wish every officer and soldier in the American expeditionary forces would write a letter home on 'Mother's Day.' This is a little thing for each one to do but these letters will carry back our courage and our affection to the patriotic women whose love and prayers inspire us and cheer us on to victory.'"

(Signed) —Pershing."

## FIELD MEET TO CLOSE SCHOOLS IN AFTERNOON

**Students to Participate in Interscholastic Contest at 1 O'Clock**

## DANCING INCLUDED

**May Queen Will Be Crowned as Additional Feature of Program**

Combining the annual inter-class and interscholastic field meet with a new May carnival feature the public school students of Salem today will participate in a program on the high school field beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. All schools in the city will be dismissed at noon in order that the pupils may attend. The first part of the demonstration will consist in the crowning of Miss Juanita Moores as queen of the carnival. A garland drill, winding the Maypole and a fairy dance will follow. These were part of the program at the Willamette University May Day festival.

High school athletes will take part in the interclass meet, entering the following events: 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 120 yard high hurdles, shotput, discus, pole vault, half mile relay, running broad jump and running high jump. The three junior high schools will follow this with a similar meet. It is anticipated that much rivalry will be shown in the latter.

The events are entirely under the direction of the physical training instructors, Miss Emily Griffin and R. E. Heater. A large number of students will compete as this is the principal local contest of the year.

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## MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR COMING YEAR

**Additional Bond Issues Must Be Called for During Present Session of Congress, Says Senator**

## PREPARE STATEMENT SHOWING SITUATION

**Within Next Few Days Committees Will Examine Figures Submitted**

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Congressional leaders have been advised by Secretary McAdoo that legislation at this session of congress is imperative to provide revenue to meet the unexpected increases in expenses incident to the vast expansion of the nation's war program.

A statement of the country's financial situation, upon which the amount of additional taxes and bonds needed may be calculated, has been prepared at the treasury for submission within the next two or three days to the committees of the senate and house.

Whether congress will undertake at the present session upward revision of the war revenue law of last fall, leaders at the capitol said tonight, depends upon the impression made by this statement. If it demonstrates that it is essential to act now instead of waiting until December, as planned, hopes of adjournment by July 1 will go glimmering and congress probably will be here until fall.

Want Immediate Action. Secretary McAdoo's belief that legislation must be enacted at once was expressed in a letter to Senator Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the senate finance committee.

The unexpectedly heavy estimates of expenditures for the coming year include the \$15,000,000,000 army program, about \$1,500,000,000 for the navy, with further estimates expected, and \$2,250,000,000 for the shipping board.

Senator Simmons said tonight the tacit agreement to defer further revenue legislation until next December was made before these new estimates were submitted. The situation now, he said, is materially changed, and will have to be considered in the new light when Secretary McAdoo's formal statement is presented.

Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, Democratic leader of the house and chairman of the ways and means committee, said if additional taxes were decided upon, the levy of the last tax bill probably would be doubled. He estimated that \$2,500,000,000 in new taxes would be levied, but other leaders placed the probable figures at from \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000, making a total of around \$6,000,000,000, based upon the estimated returns of between \$4,000,000,000 and \$4,500,000,000 from the present law.

## Need More Bond Issues

Further bond issues also undoubtedly will have to be authorized during the present session, according to

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## Irrigation Projects May Buy Storage Water

YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—Reclamation officials here today received from Washington authority to sell water from storage to private irrigation projects which are likely to suffer from drought. The run-off of the Yakima river now is about the same as in 1915, when midsummer was marked by severe shortage. This season, however, the government with a large storage already in the reservoirs, has ordered the storage of 20,000 additional acre feet at Lake Keechelus, and it will be sold at the rate of \$1 per acre foot.

## Annual Sheep Dipping Is Waived This Year

Because of a shortage of labor and for the reason that most sheep men of the state would have to build vats for the occasion, the annual sheep dipping in Oregon will be waived this year, State Veterinarian Lytle said yesterday. A dipping has been ordered for next year.

Dr. Lytle said yesterday that during the last six months no shipments of sheep have been made into Oregon from Lyle, Wash., where the yards are under quarantine.

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**Allied Gunners Responsible for Failure of Pretentious Drive**

## BOMBARDMENT TERRIFIC

**Defense on Flanders Front Found Adequate—No Gains Made**

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—The Germans had intended to make a much more pretentious assault in Flanders yesterday than they were actually able to carry out, it has been learned. Their failure was due to the excellent work of the allied gunners and to a small coincident operation by the French east of Scherpenberg, which came at the right moment to help upset the enemy plans in this sector.

The German attack as actually executed, lay roughly, between La Clytte and Voormezele, and it was made principally by the fifty second German reserve division—fresh troops which had not been used since the May offensive began—assisted by the fifty-sixth reserves.

Possibly Another Smash. Fresh details which have come to hand and statements by prisoners would indicate that the enemy had intended to attack with five divisions on a much wider front, mainly between Loree and the Ypres-Comines canal and it is quite possible that this drive was meant to be the forerunner of a grand smash to push up west of Ypres and thereby threaten the British hold on the ruined city.

The Germans preceded their advance by a terrific all-night bombardment against both British and French over a wide front. At 9:30 o'clock the infantry drive was started by the fifty-second reserves, which was sent against the British in Ridge wood and the neighboring territory southwest of Voormezele, and by the fifty-sixth division, which attacked the British on the right and the French on the left.

Before the battle started in earnest, however, several things had happened which were to have a vital bearing on the day's program. Along the Ypres-Comines canal an unusual movement among the enemy had brought down a tremendous barrage from the British guns against a German division on the right of the fifty-second reserves.

Nothing further happened along this sector, but it appeared later that the enemy had been assembling here to participate in the attack and had been so badly smashed that the idea of their taking part had been abandoned.

In the meantime, along the French front, between Loree and La Clytte, the French had their eyes open and began a heavy bombardment. Also the French had undertaken a small operation in the early morning for the capture of a position east of Scherpenberg hill. The combination of the French attack and the great bombardment undoubtedly completely upset the German plans, for additional German divisions, which were assembling to assist their comrades on the right, could not be brought in. As a consequence the assault was confined to a two division affair, which was directed mainly against the British about Ridge wood.

## POSITIONS RE-ESTABLISHED

LONDON, May 9.—"At the close of the fighting this morning on the La Clytte-Voormezele sector," says Field Marshal Haig's report from

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## SALEM TEAM IS CHAMPION OF OREGON

**Probst and Elliott, High School Debtors, Win Unanimous Decision Over Marshfield Speakers**

## EIGHT VICTORIES IS RECORD FOR SEASON

**Trophy Is Awarded as Feature of Junior Week-End Program at Eugene**

EUGENE, Or., May 9.—(Special to The Statesman)—Salem high school won the interscholastic debating championship of Oregon here tonight when Dewey Probst and Phillips Elliott were given a unanimous decision over Albert Powers and Thelma Lyons, representing Marshfield high school. The Salem team had the negative side of the question an dthe Marshfield team upheld the affirmative.

Arguments presented by the two teams were on the question, "Resolved, That at the end of the present war the United States should become a member of a league of nations possessing power to enforce the decisions of its international court."

Points on which the Salem team excelled in the contest tonight were freedom in delivery, comprehensive ability, broad information on the subject and easy adjustment to the argument of the opposing team. The Marshfield team excelled in poise and definiteness. The cup, which now goes to Salem, has engraved upon it the names of six high schools, including Salem in 1917.

Guild hall, on the campus of the University of Oregon, was the scene of the debate. The final contest of the interscholastic league is held here each year as a feature of Junior week-end.

Last night's victory was almost a surprise for the supporters of the Salem team for the reason that only a few days ago Probst and Elliott were appraised that they must take the negative side of the question. In previous debates they upheld the affirmative. The result of the contest at Eugene gives Salem eight consecutive victories this year with not a single defeat registered against the school. All victories have been by unanimous decision of the judges with the exception of a contest with The Dalles high school at Portland, which the Salem team won by a two to one decision.

Early in the season, before other teams in the league were eliminated, Salem's negative team was Kenneth Power and Paul Richardson, always winners.

## Rumanian Queen Will Not Recognize Treaty

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—Queen Marie of Rumania, according to German newspapers, has publicly announced that she never will recognize the peace treaty between Rumania and Germany. Her majesty says she would rather abdicate than reign over a country under German rule. The queen's children are of the same opinion and they never lose an opportunity, the newspapers add of insulting the Germans in Rumania.

## Archie Roosevelt Wants To Get Back to Front

PARIS, May 9.—Captain Archie Roosevelt, who was wounded by shell fragments on March 7, has sufficiently recovered to take walks. He says he is feeling fine and wishes to return to the front, but it is uncertain when he will be discharged from the hospital.

## FIND INDIAN'S HIDING PLACE

## Half Breed Charged With Murder of Eva French Taken in Custody

PLACERVILLE, CAL., May 9.—Johnson Hunter, a half-breed Indian, was trailed to his hiding place in the timber in Pleasant Valley, twenty miles from here, tonight and arrested for the murder late today in Pleasant Valley of twenty-three-year-old Eva French.

The posse that located Hunter was headed by Sheriff Charles Hand and Hunter's brother, Bernard, who, according to the police, was in love with the slain girl. Johnson Hunter, according to Sheriff Hand, admitted the crime but gave no motive for it.

Hunter was employed by the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. French, pioneer settlers.

## Eight Men Are Gassed In Omaha Junk Yard

OMAHA, May 9.—Eight men were gassed, one seriously when a six-foot steel acetylene tank was punctured early today in a local junk yard, letting out dense fumes of chlorine, one of the most common "war" gases. They were given first aid treatment by police surgeons and all will recover. The tank was taken to the yard with a shipment of junk from a Nebraska town.

## Women Compelled To Give Time to War Work

MILES CITY, Mont., May 9.—Every woman in Miles City and Custer county will be requested to give at least six hours a week to the Red Cross or allied work, unless a valid excuse can be furnished. The local branch of the national woman's council of defense has taken the matter up and is maturing plans for carrying out the plan. Failure on the part of any woman to do her part will result in her being hailed before the council.

## Government to Inquire To Fate of Captain

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—Comrades of Captain James Norman, Hall, aviator, missing after a combat on the Toul front, have asked the American embassy in Paris to communicate with Germany through Switzerland in an effort to ascertain whether Hall was killed or made prisoner. They have furnished the embassy with a description of Hall's airplane and the number of the motor.

A French artillery observer reported that Hall apparently was making a safe landing when he disappeared from sight.

## BOMBARDMENT THREATENS TO LEVEL AMIENS

**Germans Make Systematic Effort to Destroy Public Buildings**

## CITY IS ABANDONED

**Firemen Remain at Posts Attempting to Quench Blazes From Projectiles**

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Wednesday, May 8.—The German artillery, under orders from the Prussian and Bavarian crown princes, is doing its utmost to turn Amiens into another Rheims. Picardy capitals have already suffered terribly from these efforts to carry out the German idea of striking terror into the fatherland's enemies by destruction of their most loved works of art, and every day adds to its suffering.

The correspondent today went all over the abandoned city and observed the effects of the bombardment which turned parts into heaps of ruins and killed fifty-two men civilians, thirty women and five children, besides wounding sixty-two men, forty-eight women and nineteen children before the population had an opportunity to evacuate the place. Since the Germans have been within cannon shot of Amiens they have hurled no fewer than 5800 shells, mostly six inch and eight inch, into the city.

## Art Treasures In Danger

Every indication points to a systematic effort to destroy the public buildings, as the cathedral has been struck by shells which have pierced the roof and walls, and the object of firing incessantly upon the town cannot be explained except upon the assumption that it is carried out by the purely barbarous idea of the destruction of the beautiful objects it contains.

This follows from the fact that no troops whatever are in the city and that the railroad passing through it is not in use. The cannonade generally ceases at nightfall, only to be replaced by air raids, which occur almost every night.

## Launch Aerial Torpedoes

Aerial torpedoes to the number of 680 have been launched from airplanes upon various parts of the city. As most of the shells and torpedoes are of the incendiary type, they have caused enormous damage, so that up to the present 1200 houses have been destroyed. When the firemen, who gallantly stuck to their posts, have attempted to extinguish the flames the German gunners, seeing the glare of the fire they had caused, have continued to throw in shells upon the spot, while at night the German airmen have circled high over the blaze and dropped more bombs.

The cathedral, which possesses the finest gothic nave in existence, has so far escaped serious damage, but any moment may see irreparable injury done it, as projectiles continue to fall all around it.

All traffic is forbidden to enter the city so that the enemy may not be given ground for declaring the bombardment is of military exigencies.

## STATE IS SWEEP BY TORNADO

**Many Lives Lost When Terrible Gale Strikes Towns, Wrecking Buildings and Overturning Trains**

## STORM ALSO VISITS SECTIONS IN ILLINOIS

## Cattle Killed—Railway and Telegraph Communication Blocked

CHICAGO, May 9.—Six known dead, scores injured and property damage running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars resulted from a storm which swept through central Illinois and Iowa today, reaching the proportions of a tornado in many sections.

The storm was accompanied by torrential rains which washed out miles of railway track, while the wind uprooted trees and telegraph and telephone poles, paralyzing wire communication for many hours. Many buildings were destroyed and crops and gardens ruined.

At Franklin, Morgan county, three persons were killed by a falling roof. At Toulon, Ill., a farmer and his son were killed when their home was wrecked. Near Nashua, Ia., a farmer was reported to have been killed. At Eldridge a score of persons were injured when their homes were demolished and one woman was carried through the air for thirty feet, sustaining a broken collar bone. Several persons also were injured near Muscatine.

## Heavy Rain Precedes

In Illinois the most damage was done in Christian, Shelby, Mason and Morgan counties. The towns of Waverly, Clements, Rees and Yonmans, south of Springfield, suffered severely. At Pana, Ill., a passenger train was wrecked by a washout but no one was seriously injured.

## The Methodist church and parsonage at Osceola, Ill., was wrecked.

In Chicago much damage was reported to windows, roofs and street signs by a high wind that was preceded by a heavy rain.

The wreck of a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train at Calmar was reported in a telephone message from West Union, after midnight. It was believed that the train was from Austin, Minn., but details were unavailable.

The report received at West Union was that a string of box cars, blown out upon the main track, struck the Austin train. It was impossible to confirm the report here, or learn the exact nature of the train reported wrecked.

Virtual cessation of wire communication with the affected districts made it difficult to get accurate details tonight, but indications were that, while a terrific gale was prevalent over most of central and northern Iowa, the tornadoes were confined to Chickasaw, Winnebago, Scott and Muscatine counties.

It was reported that Fort Atkinson, Fredericksburg, Oskan and Calmar all suffered severely and that the villages of Republic, Pearl Rock and Plainfield were virtually destroyed.

The known dead are Mrs. Thomas Down, Theodore Kreiger, Jr., Albert Smith of near Hampton, and Roy Husband and Mrs. A. G. Carpenter of near Nashua. Six additional deaths were reported at Calmar, according to a dispatch from West Union, eighteen miles south of here.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—Nashua and immediate vicinity in Chickasaw county, northwest of here, and Eldridge, in Scott county, nine miles north of Davenport, felt the full force of the tornadoes. At least one person was killed near Nashua, while a score of persons were injured.

## Building Falls on Man

Roy Husband, a farmer residing three miles from Nashua, was crushed to death when a building crumpled upon him.

Confirmation of railroad reports of other deaths in that vicinity were lacking.

Every building in the path of the Nashua tornado was wrecked, over a district seven miles long and one-fourth to one-half mile wide. Five children of Clarence White, alone at the time, rushed to the basement

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## THE WEATHER

Friday fair and warmer; frost in the interior in the morning; moderate northeasterly winds.

## Two Pretty Styles For Women and Girls



A Handsome KID PUMP with Hand turned sole and French Heel. It's a beauty from every angle—a high grade Pump at \$4.45



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