#### U.S. GUNS SHELL MONTDIDIER LINE

American Artillery

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, May 6.

An American patrol penetrated German lines in the village of Ancervillier to a depth of 300 yards yesterday, overcoming an observation post, taking four boches pris-

oner and killing three. Elsewhere everything is quiet.

Ancervillier is about three miles and a half northwest of Badonviller and is HURL BOTTLED GAS six miles and a half south of the German border. It is in the so-called Luneville sector.

With the American Army West of Montdider, May 8. American guns are shelling Mont-didier, Cantigny, Mesnil-St. Georges and other towns and roads in this vi-cinity captured by the Germans some

observation posts in the American lines, has been hadly knocked about, but the church is still standing. The Cantigny church also is intact, al though it probably is used as a Ger-

man observation post.

The American artillery blew up what probably was an ammunition dump near Cantigny, the fire lasting half an hour.

laif an hour.

American artillery in the Luneville sector has chased completely the Germans from their front positions and has wiped off the map certain sections of the targets in the enemy rear area within the last three days. Sixty thousand shells were fired into the German trenches before the attack that blotted them out. This is the same artillery that not long ago gave a similar neefectures. a similar performance in another Lor-raine sector. On the present occasion, so far as

all investigation shows, the Germans have entirely abandoned the territory have entirely abandoned the territory at least as far back as a point beyond their second line. The only sighs that they are there at all are a few ma-chine posts hidden in out-of-the-way places in the back areas, which cut loose when the opportunity offers. Just now, the German first and second lines are in about the same condition as No Man's Land, in which latter area the Americans are working more freely than ever before.

Terrific Havoc Seen

line south, southwest and southeast of at Sebastapol, where the capture of the Halloville. The American raiders have found that the shells had worked terrific havee at many places plainly visible, where the hig projectiles from the heavy guns had fallen.

[Halloville is about thirteen miles almost directly east of Luneville and about six miles from the Ger-man border, it was in the Halloville sector that the Americans in a raid last Friday penetrated through three German lines.]

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One of the American patrols in the Luneville sector entered the hamlet of Anservillers early this morning and penetrated the German lines to a distance of 300 yards. On the way back the patrol discovered an enemy observation post in which were a corporal and six men. The Americans promptly attacked, killing three of the enemy and taking the other four prisoners, one of them in a wounded constitue.

The first the Germans knew that the American patrol was near was when a shower of hand grenades followed by bullets, hit the post. The parrol ceased firing when the enemy cried "Kamerad!"

Though only local fighting was reported in Flanders, and this on the southern portion of the battle front, British improvement of their position in the neighborhood of Locon and on the Lawe is also significant.

(Locon is about three miles north of Bethune. The Lawe flows north-shaped the city, going to Sebastapol. in Crimea. When the Germans approached the city, going to Sebastapol. in Crimea. Bolsheviki assumed control of the Russing of Sebastapol. In Crimea. Bolsheviki assumed control of the Russing of Country is flooded and there is a barrier ported in Flanders, and this on the southern portion of the battle front, British improvement of their positions on the bank that they southern portion of the battle front, British improvement of their positions on the bank that they oblight as the feet include the Kagul, 7070 tons: Admiral Nak-hlmoff, 7560 tons. All of these are old boats, the newest being southern portion of the battle front, British improvement of their position in the neighborhood of Locon and on the Lawe is also significant.

(Locon is about three miles north of Bethune. The Lawe flows north-ward, crossing the lines about a mile east of Locon and converging with the Lys near Estaires.)

Strike At Belgian Line

Renewal of German activity against the extreme northern three or four miles wide in front of the battle front, British improvement of their positions on the bank that they obligate in in th

Shells Smother German Sortie

The Germans today again attempted to occupy one of the former American trenches in the Bois Brule, west of Apremont, in the Toul sector, which was the scene of the fighting April 10 and 12. Soon after midnight the American patrols discovered the Germans had crept into the position, with a large number of machine guns and tools, apparently intending to consolidate the trenches with the German system.

The American artillery went into ac-Shells Smother German Sortie

Uon quickly, sweeping a high-explosive barrage back and forth across the newly occupied ground. The guns rained steel on the Germans until nearly daylight, and when the patrols went out to investigate they found not a single enemy. Some material, how-ever, had been left behind.

Patrol Penetrates German
Lines at Ancervillier, in
Luneville Zone

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Other Towns and Roads Under

Ever, had been left behind.

There appeared to be reason for believing at one time, after the Germans were discovered, that another attack on the Americans was about to be launched, prohably to cover the consolidation effort. Only quick action by the artillery smothered it. The Germans seem determined to carry out their designs against this position, and it is not unlikely more sharp fighting will be seen here, for it is valuable to the Americans, because of the nature of the terrain.

Americans in Air Battles

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Four more aerial battles were reported today by American airmen flying in the sector northwest of Toul.

All of the combats were indecisive, although one of the American machines returned with bullet holes in its wings and two others with holes torn by fragments of shells from anti-aircraft guns.

The first report was from the pilot of a pursuit airplane, who encountered the enemy over the lines at a height of 5000 meters (16,250 feet). The pair fought a duel for several minutes, the German finally turning quickly and, running into the direct line of the sun in his homeward way, getting clear,

TOW ARD AMERICANS

French Battlefront, May 6 .- A new German liquefied gas has been prowhere American troops are fighting. The gas, in its fluid form, is contained in glass bottles. On bursting time ago.

Montdidier, which can be seen from they give off some substance from which heavy, white fumes, transparent in texture, continue to arise for five

minutes.

No detonation was heard as the bottles were hurled through the air and apparently they were thrown by a spring. The gas caused nausea, sneezing and coughing, but did not harm any of the Americans.

### RUSSIAN BLACK SEA

Troops Who Occupy Sebastopol

Constantinople (via London), May 6. German troops occupying Sebastapol in the Crimean peninsula) found in the harbor most of the Russian Black Sea correspondent adds. fleet, including cruisers, destroyers, topedoboats, submarines and merchant ships, it was officially announced here

The Sultan Selim and the Hamidieh. Marshal Haig's report shows. The sections affected by the work of formerly the German cruisers Groeben these American artillerymen are the and Breslau, resenectively, have arrived

> dreadnoughts Empress Maria, Emperor countered "strong opposition," but Alexander III, Empress Catharina II inflicted heavy casualties on the and Ivan Groznyi, each of 22,660 tons displacement; the predreadnoughts Evstafy, 12,840 tons; loann Zlautest, 12,840 tons; Panteleimon, 12,582 tons; Rostislav, 10,140 tons; Tri Sviatetelia.

terrible massacre of naval officers.

West Chester Soldier Loses One Leg the

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER AT FRONT



Even the grim realities of life in the trenches have their lighter and Even the grim realities of life in the trenches have their lighter and pleasanter moments, and high among them Edgar Ott Garrett, serving in France with the United States army ambulance corps, places reading the Evening Public Ledger. He is seen enjoying all the news of Philadelphia in this fashion in the above picture, which he sent to hisparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Garrett, of Ashbourne, Montgomery County. He writes of many thrilling experiences, and he recently observed at close range a battle between German and Allied airplanes

#### FLEET IN FOE'S HANDS BRITISH DRIVE FORWARD GAINS GROUND ON BOTH SIDES OF SOMME

prisoners. Similarly in pitchy black- advanced posts in the region of Nieu. ness early today they pushed on port (on the coast) was dispersed by despite strong opposition. There are many German dead and the Australian casualties are not heavy. 1-termittent she'ling continues, the

Initiative With Allies

The Allies still retain the initiative on the western battle front, Field the

The Black Sea fleet consists of the ening analysis. Haig's troops enenemy while suffering slight losses themselves, a fact that indicates room. British strength and morale.

Though only local fighting was re-

Renewal of German activity against the Belgians at the extreme northern end of the western battlefront indicates that a blow is impending there with the twofold object of enflading scuthward along the North Sea coast menacing Dunkirk and of driving in the northern flank of the Ypres salient.

An official report issued by the Bel-gian War Office said:

Ships Are Found in Harbor by Continued from Page One that was attempting to approach our north of the Somme and taking some that was attempting to approach our

"There was moderate artillery activity during the day in the sector of Merecken and Moesinghe and to-wards Nieuport."

The operation on the northern end of the line probably would be carried out in conjunction with converging attacks from the south, the Germans striking from the Kemmel sector.

The Germans had been protecting the Nicuport sector with a naval division composed of marines. But these were transferred to the Somme In Picardy the British advance on a "considerable front" on the Somme and took part in the German grand offensive which began on March 21. These marines were badly cut up in the fighting in front of Amiens. The fighting in front of Amiens. The may all forces were replaced on the coast by Landwehr, but recently the Landwehr were replaced by active first line troops. The Germans occupy favorable posi-tions among the dunes for an attack over only a five-mile front in the Nieuport zone, which is hardly enough for elbow

May Be New Drive

Between Nieuport and Dixmude the country is flooded and there is a barrier three or four miles wide in front of the lockers. On the Vser canal the Germans

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important features as these:

Geneva. May 6.—Official announcement has been made at Vienna that Emperor Charles, the chief of the Austrian general staff and several high German and Austrian officers reached the Italian front Saturday. With the considerable movements of troops in the Tyrol and Trentino reported from the interior, this is interpreted to mean that the long-predicted offensive on the Italian front will soon be begun.

Rome, May 5.—There is an increase in the intensity of the heatile artillery fire along the front, notably in the Lagarina and Astico valleys and in the Foss-Alta sector, the Italian War Office says. The Italian artillery also has carried out numerous bembardments and there has been additional intensive activity by the Capronis and British airplanes, during which eight enemy machines were destroyed and many tons of bombs dropped.

The Tribuna states that the Austrians are denorting able-hodied men and women from the invaded area of Italy and are employing them on military work. The Italian fields are being ruined for agricultural purposes.

#### BRITISH WAR MISSION REPORT IS HEARTENING

and the British reserves now available the ailied situation in France "has considerably improved" although certain to be "anxious for some time yet" the British War Mission here announced today. The enemy has not renewed his attack in France since his fifth failure on April 25, when the divisions engaged suffered so severely that they had to be withdrawn Fresh divisions will have to be substituted before the enemy can renew the offensive, the statement said. "Since the first two days of the

interest British Peserves Available the situation, though bound to be an anxious one for some time yet, has considerably improved.

"TiPespite the ordeal through which they have passed and their casualties, the British have never been in finer fottle, and all along to line is to be found the quiet confidence of men who have faced the worst and overcome it. One of the most remarkable festitures of the recent fighting has been the magnificent conduct of the new drafts. These have faced a continuous deluge of shell-sand gas bombardments. I be hardened veterans, and their behavior has had much to do with the bight no rale which permeates all ranks at the present time. "In spite of the absence of deep dug outs and shellproof structures the new troops stood up without flinching to a continuous rain of high explosives and gas shells, and when the enemies masses advanced to the attack the survivers drove them back with the heaviest casualties time and again.

"French troops who have been fighting recently in the Loere sector declare that the bombardments at Verdin were childs play to those of the present fighting recently in the Loere sector declare that the bombardments at Verdin were childs play to those of the present fighting. These seasoned old warriors show great affection and esteem for the volung Rritish drafts, and the juxtanosation of French and British troops is the greatest incentive of gallant conduct.

"During the recent fighting the enemy's expenditure of ammunition has been enormous. The intense bembardment previous to the attack of April 29 lasted for fifteen hours, and carried out, as it was, with the utmost intensity and concentration ever yet achieved during the war, must have complete his depote.

"In view of the lavish emileonment of gas shells by the enemy, it is a relief to hear that one of the inost satisfactory features of the fighting is the complete protection against gas afforded by our sor masks. Whenever these have been correctly adjusted they have rendered the wearer immune, although the

#### SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS REPORTED BY FRENCH

Paris, May 6.

"A German attack, following a violent bombardinent, failed southeast of Anchin farm," the French War office announced today. "The enemy left numerous dead. "Reconneitering bodies brought back prisoners in the region of Abancourt.

"In the Champagne region we penetrated German positions west of Rheims inflicting serious losses and bringing back a quantity of material.

"We made several successful surprise attacks west of Hangard-en-Santerre (where Americans are reported engaged) and southeast of Novon, taking prisoners."

#### WOMAN OFF TO FRONT

Sergeant Major Flora Sandes Returns to Her Serbian Regiment

ARTILLERY ACTIVE
ON ITALIAN FRONT

Amsterdam, May 6.
The Austrian War Office announces that heavy artillery duels continue all along the Italian front, said a dispatch from Vienna today. The text was: "On

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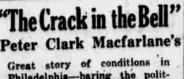
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