

ARMIES HAMPERED BY PILES OF DEAD

Fighting Around St. Mihiel is Furious and Losses Are Tremendous, But Battle Goes on With Renewed Fierceness.

The German Trenches Are Now Choked With Many Corpses and French Cannot Occupy Them-- Battles to Smash German Wedge Have Not Yet Approached an End.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 9, 3 p.m.—(Official)—British troops have displayed great bravery in repelling a determined night attack of the Germans at (name deleted by British censor), the French War Office announced.

German trenches so choked with mangled German corpses that French troops were unable to occupy them and the woods are full of dead and dying, were described in the official despatches to-day telling of terrible battles now raging around St. Mihiel.

Regions strewn with corpses. The battles are being waged with such fury that neither army has time to get to the aid of its wounded, much less to bury the dead.

The communique from the War Office throw but little light on the progress of the French offensive. The French have made some progress near Eparges and have repulsed German counter attacks in Ailly Woods, east of St. Mihiel, capturing six machine guns and two mortars.

Germans Aim To Asphyxiate Allied Troops

London, April 9.—The following narrative by the official Eyewitness with the British forces was given out to-night: "It is reported that in the Argonne the Germans on several occasions have pumped blinding oil and pitch on the French. According to the statements of prisoners they are preparing a still more novel reception for the front parts of our line. They propose to asphyxiate our men, if they advance, by means of a poisonous gas.

Tried to Ram A Submarine But Missed

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 9.—The tug Homer arriving at South Shields, to-day reported that while towing the French bark Colonel F. Sonis off St. Catharines Point yesterday, she sighted a German submarine rushing down upon her through a heavy sea. The Homer cut loose from the bark and attempted to ram the submarine but missed by a margin of not more than three feet, according to the captain. The submarine shot one torpedo at the tug but missed. She then turned her attention to the bark, sending her to the bottom.

NO PASSPORT FOR JOHNSON. (Special to the Whig.) Washington, April 9.—Secretary Bryan to-day instructed Minister Gonzales at Havana not to issue a passport to "Jack" Johnson, as the latter has been convicted of felony, and is a fugitive from justice.

Megantic Reaches Liverpool (Special to the Whig.) Liverpool, Eng., April 9.—The British White Star liner Megantic docked here to-day after an uneventful trip from New York.

LAND AND SEA ATTACKS ON DARDANELLES FORTS

Paris, April 9.—French troops from Africa are ready to assist the Allied fleets and British Expeditionary Forces against Turkey. The following official statement was issued by the War Office last night: "The Expeditionary Corps to the Orient, which was placed under command of General A. G. L. Amadeo and concentrated at Bizerta (a fortified seaport of Tunis, Africa), to perfect its organization, has effected the voyage to the Levant under the best

KITCHENER APPROVES Plan of Workers to Protect Girls Near Camps.

London, April 9.—The National Union of Women Workers has issued an appeal for more volunteers to look after the welfare of girls in the neighborhood of soldiers' camps. The union started about three months ago and has met with the cordial support, both civil and military. The union now has 1,200 volunteer patrols engaged.

A SCOTCH MINISTER Works in Shell Factory All Day in Glasgow.

Glasgow, April 8.—A call for recruits here to assist in the manufacture of shells brought forth a clergyman who was promptly accepted. He is the Rev. Stuart Robertson, of Pollokshields Church, a tall, athletic figure who now works from six o'clock in the morning until five at night in a large engineering shop. His day's work over, the Rev. Mr. Robertson attends to his pastoral duties as his evening's recreation.

PROROGATION IN SIGHT Senate Action Practically Shelves Bilingual School Resolution

Ottawa, April 9.—The bilingual school resolution of the Senate is not likely to be voted on this session. It was practically shelved yesterday by a resolution adjourning the debate for a week. Prorogation is expected before that time. The adjournment motion was made by Senator Daniel.

Exciting Chase Of Steamer By Submarine

(Special to the Whig.) Liverpool, Eng., April 9.—The captain of the Blue Funnel Line steamer Thebes, which left Liverpool March 27th for Java, has sent back a report of an exciting chase by a German submarine. On March 29th the Thebes sighted a submarine off the Scilly Isles. The submarine signalled to abandon ship, but the Thebes put on full steam and started zig-zagging on her course. The submarine opened fire and continued throwing shells at the Thebes at intervals. The chase continued three hours when the submarine abandoned the pursuit. Of the seven explosive shells fired by three-inch guns on the submarine five struck the Thebes and did considerable damage above the water line.

GERMAN SHIP MUST LEAVE Or Be Interned at Flushing—The Dutch Ultimatum.

Amsterdam, April 9.—Sudden activity was caused among the military authorities at Flushing by the discovery of wireless messages that had been sent from a large German ship, the Mainz, which had been interned at Flushing since the commencement of the war. It is said that the presence of a wireless apparatus on the ship has been suspected for some time. In order to preserve the neutrality of the ship while in Dutch waters a body of Dutch soldiers had been placed on board and, it is stated, informed that orders have been issued by the Dutch Government the vessel must leave Flushing by sunrise Friday at the latest. The greatest interest and excitement prevails concerning the fate of the vessel when she puts to sea.

Strongly Anti-Austrian. Colonel Montanari has been appointed secretary to Lieutenant-General Count Cordero, chief of Italian general staff.

Italian newspapers, in discussing this appointment, say that the Italian general staff is decidedly anti-Austrian. Count Cordero still wears the watch which his grandfather owned when he was hanged by the Austrians.

Young Man Made Attempt At Suicide

At 3.40 o'clock this afternoon, a man named Alfred Smith, living near the corner of Rideau and Barrack street, in a fit of insanity, attempted to cut his throat with a razor. The razor was taken away from him, and he ran to the ferry wharf, at the foot of Brock street and jumped into the water. He was rescued by the police and was taken to the police cells.

Canadian Doctors For Serbia.

London, April 9.—Subject to their acceptance of the conditions, ten thousand Canadian doctors have been approved by the Serbian Legation here for medical work among the stricken civilian population of Serbia. Col. Pelletier, Agent-General for Quebec Province, has received further applications, from which a few more will be selected. The minimum period of service will be three months, travelling expenses to be paid and salaries will start on arrival in Serbia. In case of death compensation of \$2,000 will be paid to surviving relatives.

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War Tidings.

Austrian diplomats in Rome are making discreet attempt to induce Pope Benedict XVI. to assist Austria diplomatically when the opportune moment for peace proposals arrives, says a Rome despatch to the Echo to-day. The charge against Raymond Swoboda has been dropped from one of responsibility for the fire in the French liner La Touraine to one of espionage, which means that he will be tried at Havre, in a military rather than a civil court. Dr. J. G. Adams, of McGill University, left Montreal on Friday to sail for England, there to take up an important work as a member of the British War Office Committee, having in hand the preparation of the medical history of the war.

Will Drive Germans Out In Ten Days

Paris, April 9.—A vast French army of 200,000 men has been concentrated around Verdun and in the Woeyvre district (between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers), for the drive which the French are making against the Germans. This army is supported by artillery which the French have been moving to the front since January last. Night and day attacks are being made against the German lines stretching from the northern part of the Argonne forest to the St. Mihiel and the forest of Le Pretra (northern Pont-a-Mousson). Military men predict that the Germans will be driven out of St. Mihiel, their only foothold on the western bank of the Meuse south of Verdun, within the next few days.

Find Submarines Taking Refuge

Christiania, Norway, April 9.—Military aviators, while cruising over the cliffs which line the Norwegian coast near Bergen Bay yesterday discovered three German submarines, which had taken refuge there. They were ordered to depart immediately or be interned. They left.

DEPLORES HATE SPIRIT.

London, April 9.—A protest against German self-esteem and against the prevailing spirit of hatred for England is made by Stimmen Der Zeit, the organ of the German Jesuits, which asserts that each nation has a special mission to perform in the world. The wish is expressed that the rich talents and gifts of the cool, calculating English may become a blessing to mankind, and that for France there may arise her old and precious civilization.

URGE BARS CLOSE AT SEVEN Result of Investigation Into Conduct of Alberta's Soldiery.

Calgary, Alta., April 9.—As the result of investigations into the conduct of soldiers at large throughout the province, conducted by commissions of citizens, the Government of the province of Alberta will on Friday be petitioned to close the bars at 7 o'clock instead of at 10 in the evening as at present. The delegation will also ask that the prohibition act be voted upon in July become operative at Christmas instead of the following July, as is the intention at present, if the people of the province vote "dry".

A lengthy report was this evening made public of the investigations of the Calgary committee into the conditions among the soldiers. It states that soldiers are served freely with liquor after it is obvious they have had too much; that the relations between the soldiers and women of ill-fame have become so notorious that several large business houses have issued orders that any girl employees seen on the street with soldiers in uniform will be immediately discharged; while it criticizes the local police for laxity in preserving law and order among the soldiers. The investigators it is incidentally mentioned, in the report, were recognized upon several occasions, when soldiers and civilians molested and assaulted them, one member of the committee being chased three blocks without any police intervention.

TO MAKE COMBINED ATTACK. General Pau Says Fleet Will Force Passage In Due Time.

Naples, April 9.—General Pau of the French army, who has been on a mission to Petrograd and the Balkan capitals, has arrived here on his way to Rome and Paris. When asked by an interviewer whether it was true that Russia, Serbia and Montenegro would join with Great Britain and France in a fierce simultaneous attack in an effort to crush Germany and Austria, he declined to answer. Referring to the Dardanelles operations, General Pau expressed the belief that the Anglo-French fleet would force a passage as soon as preparations are completed for a combined attack by land and sea.

TO BUY TURBINA TO CHASE SUBMARINES A Toronto Steamer Has Been Examined by British Naval Experts.

Toronto, April 9.—A surprise was given the local marine world yesterday when it was learned that one of the fastest steamers of Lake Ontario was likely to leave Canadian waters. It is understood that naval experts from the British Isles, while here, inspected the steamer Turbina, with a view of purchasing her for the naval service on the Atlantic. The expert, it is understood, reports that the Turbina was just what they wanted, and would be a valuable asset to the navy. The speed of the Turbina, which is 22 1/2 miles an hour is the chief feature in the details of the measure. The Turbina was built in Newcastle-on-Tyne by Swan, Hunter and Richardson in 1904, and made her first trip between Toronto and Hamilton, June 29th, 1904.

SOLDIERS' FRANCHISE Bill Introduced in Commons By Hon. Mr. Doherty.

Ottawa, April 9.—Hon. C. J. Doherty's bill to extend the franchise to all Canadian soldiers serving in Europe or elsewhere was introduced this morning in the Commons. Judging from the number of questions asked during the minister's explanation of the details of the measure, this proposed legislation will be contentious. The minister explained in detail the system whereby it is proposed to allow all soldiers at the front to make an affidavit as to their home address to be put in an envelope on the back of which there will be a certificate by the officer who takes the affidavit. These envelopes will be sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery whose duty it will be to distribute them to the deputy returning officers to be opened in the presence of the candidates.

Wong Tok, of Tonawanda, N.Y. hanged himself when the water supply was shut off from his laundry for bills.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE CUT THE AUSTRIAN RIGHT WING

Petrograd, April 9.—The advance of the Russians in the Carpathians has cut the Austrian army under General Boerovitch in two places. The eastern wing of this army is in a precarious position. The Russians have captured Smolnik, east of Lupkow Pass. Smolnik controls the only road through the Beskid mountains between Mezla-boroc and Uszok, a distance of sixty miles. The western wing of the Austrian army has its base at Gurmence, and its communications along the roads into Hungary are quite safe. The eastern wing to the contrary is join-

A MIGHTY ATTEMPT TO CRUSH AUSTRIA

And Force Franz Joseph to Sue For Peace-- Allies in the East and West Are Moving Slowly to Success.

Offensive on Both Sides is the Result of Plan Worked Out at Petrograd, Paris and London--The Kaiser is Kept Too Busy to Send Aid to the Austrians.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 9.—On two great battlefields, 700 miles apart, the Allies are co-operating in a mighty attempt to crush Franz Josef's army and force Austria-Hungary to sue for peace. Official and unofficial despatches received here to-day indicate that the Allies are moving slowly to success.

The Russians are pressing forward into Hungary with the Austro-Germans in retreat at nearly every point. Fierce drives of the French around St. Mihiel have caused the Germans to hurry reinforcements originally designed to stem the Russian onslaughts in the Carpathians. Various reports indicate that Hungary is in a state of terror over the Slav invasion and demanding that the dual monarchy ask a separate peace. A Bucharest despatch to-day estimated that the Austro-Hungarian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners in defense of Hungary from invasion, totalled more than 200,000. At least 100,000 of these were prisoners, according to the Bucharest estimate.

NATIVE TRIED TO KILL NEW SULTAN OF EGYPT

London, April 9.—An attempt was made at three o'clock yesterday afternoon to assassinate the Sultan of Egypt, Hussein Kemal, according to a Reuter despatch from Cairo. As the Sultan was leaving Abidin Palace a native fired a shot at him. This went wide, and the native was immediately seized. The Sultan paid his intended visit to various officials and a crowd assembled around the palace and gave him an ovation when he returned. His assailant in assassination described himself as a native Egyptian twenty-five years of age, and a merchant hailing from Mansurah. He was perfectly composed. Prince Hussein Kemal Pasha, the eldest living prince of the family of Mehmet Ali, was appointed Sultan of Egypt last December, to succeed the late Sultan, Abbas Hilmi, when Great Britain proclaimed a protectorate over Egypt.

The Collapse Of Austria Near at Hand

London, April 9.—The Standard says: "The collapse of Austria approaches. German journalists are already saying the Germans could do better without Austria and Turkey." The Daily Chronicle: "The Berlin general staff must immediately try to anticipate spring advances of the Allies by an offensive." The Times: "The so-called independent Labor party in its programism plays the forlorn hope. The miners alone who joined the colors outnumber the independent Labor party by ten to one." Dealers in Cleveland discover the majority of goods selling lower than at any time since the war.

Antiques For House Cleaning

Just got in Sofas, Chairs and Tables, in walnut and mahogany, at Turb's, Phone 765. Ronnk Floor Polish, Liquid Veneer, Cobra Furniture Polish, Brasso, Silver, Lux, Wool Wash, Sapolio, Bon Ami, Dustless Mops, Fibre Tubs, Fibre Pails, Brooms, Brushes, Gold Dust Washing Powder, Dutch Cleanser, Wyandotte, Pearline, Wing-Wing. Jas. Redden & Co. Phones 29 and 906.

Alles' United Plan. The Berlin claim that France's sudden offensive around St. Mihiel was directly linked with the Russian advance upon the Carpathian passes is generally accepted here. Though aiming to smash the St. Mihiel wedge the savage attacks of the French armies south of Verdun are believed to form a part of a great plan of campaign worked out at Petrograd, Paris and London. General Joffre is keeping the Kaiser too busy to send more aid to the retreating Austrians. The same strategy, according to the French, saved Warsaw from Von Hindenburg after the Russian defeat in the Masurian Lakes. While the Slavs were falling back out of East Prussia in a disordered retreat, their French Allies began swift amashes against the German trenches in Champagne. Von Hindenburg cried for reinforcements for a grand assault on Warsaw. The German Staff had none to send. Every man available was plugging the German line around Pethes.

HAVE LOST 5,950,000 MEN. Rome, April 9.—The nations now at war have lost 5,950,000 men in the first eight months of the conflict, and spent \$88,400,000 in the first six months, according to figures prepared for the Avanti, a Socialist organ, by military experts. The article declares the only result of the war will be a reciprocal wearing out of the forces engaged, and not a military victory. It is calculated that nine or ten months more will exhaust the reserves of men, and that the country which will suffer least from this exhaustion will be Russia.

Justice Pelletier has entered an action in the Superior Court at Quebec against the Montreal Herald for one thousand dollars for alleged libel in connection with the Herald's exposure of the Carlskals Hotel deal. F. Hopkinson Smith, author and artist, died Wednesday night, at his home in New York. He was seventy-seven years of age.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probable news items. Read the big advt. on "The Black Box," the latest photo-play serial by Applegate, page six to-day.

BORN.

BRECHLIANT—On Wolfe Island, on April 8th, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brechliant, a son.

DEIED.

MAIDEN—In Kingston, on April 9th, 1915, Mary Teresa, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Maiden, 25 Main street. Funeral (private) Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear father, Joseph Gorrive, who died on April 9th, 1914. Dearest father, he has left me. Him on earth I see no more, But in Heaven, hope I meet him. When the tolls of life are o'er. Signed, his daughter Maud.

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