

ATTACK BY GERMANS IN A FOG FAILED

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The First Line of Germans Were Annihilated--Supporting Companies Broke and Retreated in Disorder--Fog And Rain Are Impeding Operations Around Ypres and Arras.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, May 19.—A bloody battle in the mists overhanging Flanders resulted in the repulse of a strong German detachment with severe losses.

They approached to within a few hundred yards of the French trenches and opened the attack by showering bombs and hand grenades.

The first line was almost completely annihilated. The supporting companies broke and retreated through the fog in great disorder.

Except at this point there has been a lull in the fierce struggle around Ypres and Arras, the War Office announced to-day, the fog and rain impeding operations.

THE FORTS OF PRZEMYSL ARE BEING BOMBARDED

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Petrograd, May 19.—The bombardment of the outer forts defending Przemysl from the west by the Austro-Germans is increasing in violence.

The Germans north of Przemysl are making a serious attempt to surround the fortress.

The Austrians west of Chyrow, south of Przemysl, have been unable to advance.

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THE CANADIAN DIVISION

Has Not Been Heavily Engaged in Recent Fighting.

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Ottawa, May 19.—The casualties reported to the Military Department up to ten o'clock this morning number 5,041.

The impression prevails in official circles that the Canadian Division has not been heavily engaged in the recent forward movement of the British forces.

IN DARDANELLES ARENA

Heavy British Casualty Lists Are Being Released.

London, May 19.—The casualty lists issued last night were again heavy, comprising 137 officers and 1,300 men.

She: If I marry you let me handle all the money?

THE GERMANS MAY RETIRE TO THEIR SECOND TRENCHES

On the Belgian-Dutch Frontier, May 19.—Already the Germans have abandoned the precarious hold on the western bank of the Yser Canal between Dixmude and Boesinghe.

The information, received to-day, points to the contemplation by the enemy of an early withdrawal to his second line of defense.

Lille Forts Strengthened. Lille itself has been immensely strengthened. The forts have been rebuilt and reinforced with concrete.

also also is being put into a state of defense, as is the neighboring town of Antwerp.

There is every indication, however, that before the Germans are compelled to fall back on these positions they will make a stern attempt to hold to the present line running from east of Arras through La Bassée, west of Lens, to Arras.

German Position Perilous. The Germans are seriously alarmed as to their position along the whole line from Arras to Lens.



ARE THEY SOON TO LEAVE THEIR POSTS? On the left James W. Gerard, United States Ambassador to Germany, and Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to America.

WILL INTERN DERNBURG If He Attempts to Go Through English Waters.

London, May 19.—If Dr. Dernburg attempts to get back to Germany through English patrolled waters he runs a risk of being seized as a hostage of war.

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SPLENDID WORK

Of Canadian Engineers in Recent Fighting.

AT CRITICAL STAGES

THEY ACTED AS INFANTRY AND DEFENDED LINE.

Found Trenches Muddy and Left Them Drained and Boarded—For Five Nights They Had No Sleep.

London, May 19.—Canadian officers now in London, recuperating from their terrible experiences, say that not half enough tribute has been paid to the work of the Canadian Engineers in the recent fighting.

They built bridges under shrapnel fire, and had their building material blown to pieces more than once.

The Canadian Army Service Corps did splendid work, and kept up going with rations regularly, and good rations, too.

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A Magnificent

Body Of Men, Says Minister

Ottawa, May 19.—"The second Canadian division is a magnificent body of men," said General Hughes in announcing the arrival of the contingent in England.

However, a few weeks in England practicing rapid rifle fire and manoeuvring in large masses, and they will rapidly become as efficient as the splendid soldiers who distinguished themselves at Langemarck.

All work on the new Manitoba Parliament buildings is to be stopped at once while the new Liberal Government makes a thorough inspection of everything that has been done on it

COALITION MINISTRY TASK.

Discussion Revived by Statement in the Commons.

London, May 19.—The discussion of the possibility of a coalition ministry has been started anew by the statement of Frederick H. Booth in the House of Commons that "a large number of the members of the House favor a new united ministry representing the whole House."

The Daily Express leads its front page with an article headed: "Government of all parties—cabinet on the verge of reconstruction."

GERMANY'S GRAIN STORE.

Reserve Reported as Two Hundred Thousand Tons.

Berne, May 19.—Germany having obtained the assistance of charitable persons in England and America to feed the Belgians and having induced the French to feed the population of those districts of France occupied by the Germans, and also having waited until a regular system of sending bread to the prisoners of war in Germany was organized, now suddenly discovers she is much better off for corn than she thought.

The Munchener Neueste Nachrichten states that the amount of reserve grain which can be carried over into next harvest year will be two hundred thousand tons.

They bear out what I said months ago that there has been no scarcity of food in Germany, and the system of bread cards and maximum prices is merely precautionary and not intended for the sake of impressing neutrals with England's sin in trying to starve Germany.

GERMANS HAVE REACHED REINFORCEMENT LIMIT

Heavy Losses Have Upset Plans For Renewing Onslaught at Ypres.

London, May 19.—A despatch to the London Morning Post from the North of France, says: "There are signs that the Germans have reached the limits of their available reinforcements."

"Notwithstanding the difficulties that the Yser presents because the German right bank is considerably higher than the Franco-Belgian left bank, the river has been crossed at various points, and the enemy's positions have been carried at the point of the bayonet.

COOL FAREWELL INJURED. Automobile Upsets His Buggy Three Miles From Whitty.

Whitty, May 19.—Colonel Farewell, Crown Attorney, received severe injuries to his head when he was thrown from his buggy as a result of a collision with an automobile.

BOY AND TEAM DROWNED.

Horses Became Frightened and Flung in Bay.

Pitca, Ont., May 19.—A drowning accident occurred a few miles east of this town on Monday, when Gerald VanBarlicom, aged sixteen years, lost his life.

BECOMING MORE ACUTE.

Anti-German Sentiment Bears Fruit in Toronto.

Toronto, May 19.—The anti-German sentiment in this city is becoming more acute. The City Council revoked the permit for a large election sign advertising beers with German names, although they are brewed in Canada by Canadian citizens.

ITALY ON THE EVE OF DECLARING WAR

Order For Mobilization of Her Army May Come At Any Hour—Chamber of Deputies Meets Thursday.

Government Has Fully Determined Upon Its Policy—It Is Expected That Parliament Will Give Government Power to Act and Vote a War Fund.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, May 19.—Italy may order the mobilization of her army within twenty-four hours. A declaration of war is not expected until after parliament meets to-morrow to approve the Government's war programme, and it may not come for several days.

These were the reports in circulation to-day while members of the Chamber of Deputies were arriving for to-morrow's session. At least three hundred members were in Rome early to-day.

Another session of the Cabinet adjourned after midnight to-day. No statement was given out other than that the Government had fully determined on its policy and would make it known when the deputies meet to-morrow.

Neutrals Lack Leader. Rome, May 19.—Apparently abandoning all hope of preventing

PEACE IN SWISS EYES.

What Should Be Considered When Hostilities Cease.

Basel, Switzerland, via London, May 19.—The Swiss Peace Society, at its annual meeting, adopted the following resolution, which it was declared should be considered when the time comes for a conclusion of peace in Europe:

"First—The avoidance of any annexation or territorial changes which are in opposition to the interests and wishes of a population. A guarantee of religious liberty, free speech and equality before the law for the minority.

"Second—The creation of a permanent organization, in which all European states shall be equally represented for the purpose of safeguarding the order, peace and safety of our portion of the earth.

"Third—The development of an international law organization by continual Hague conferences.

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Pounding Hard On Fortifications At Constantinople

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Athens, May 19.—It is reported here that General Wilhelm Weber, German Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish forces of the Dardanelles is dead of wounds.

Fighting still continues incessantly against all the Dardanelles forts and material progress is reported by the British and French forces.

war between Italy and her former allies—Austria and Germany—ex-Premier Giolitti left Rome yesterday. Lacking a leader, the neutrals are expected to make no move when Parliament reconvenes on Thursday.

The automobiles of every member of the Cabinet, with the exception of Premier Salandra, were commandeered yesterday by the army authorities.

Michel de Giers, the new Russian Ambassador to Italy, was received yesterday by King Victor Emmanuel, to whom he presented his credentials.

It is asserted that M. de Giers also delivered to the King an autograph letter from Emperor Nicholas, congratulating Victor Emmanuel on the attitude taken by Italy.

MAJOR BLAIR DEAD.

British Officer Was Instructor at Kingston.

London, May 19.—Major Playfair Blair of the Field Artillery, who died from wounds, was for some time instructor at the Royal Military College, Kingston. He was professor of artillery from 1906 to 1911.

To Issue in Every Language. London, May 19.—The British Government has decided to issue a penny edition of the report of the committee on alleged German outrages, of which Viscount Bryce was the president.

The bankrupt stock of Dewey and Jackson, who carried on business in the Mackay Block, Bonfroy, will be notified by Osler Wade, the assignee, pay a dividend of 56 1-2 on the dollar.

Marmora has organized a fire brigade, the two chemical engines recently purchased by the corporation having arrived.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Vaudeville, Grand, 2:30 and 7:30. Cheese Board, 1:30 p.m., Thursday. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Tummage sale, 232 Princess street, Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

BORN. BURNETT—in Havellook, Thursday, May 13th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burnett, a son—Earle Norman.

DEATH. MITCHELL—Killed in action, Lance Corporal Robert Andrew Barring Mitchell, son of W. H. Mitchell, C. E. Calgary, Alta.

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