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COULD HELP THE ALLIES

Even If Not in the Actual Fighting.

IF UNCLE SAM JOINED

AMERICAN MONEY AND MERCANTILE CONVOYS

Would Mark The Earlier Stages, With Actual Participation In The Big War Later On.

Washington, April 24.—The United States navy stands prepared for war—that is, for operations a war would involve with Germany's fleet bottled up in the Kiel Canal.

The United States army is not ready for taking any active part in such a war.

These are the views of men in touch with both sides of the nation's military situation.

The Atlantic fleet is back from Guantanamo manoeuvres. Twenty-one ships are at yards from Norfolk to Portsmouth, work on repair or overhaul is being rushed. Three shifts are employed on new work and repairs at the New York yard.

One battleship and several smaller ships are in Mexican waters. Cruisers are at far eastern stations and around home waters.

The only battleship on the Pacific side is the Oregon at San Francisco.

The spirit of the navy was officially reported to Daniels as "the best ever," following Guantanamo operations. He hopes, he said, to have everything in tip-top shape by June when the fleet will again engage in practice manoeuvres.

As for the army, it is scattered in Mexico and along the border, except for small necessary groups at coast points and on foreign service. It is not swelling rapidly. Total enlistments are 4,699. Every effort is being made to get the 20,000 men provided for, however, and the moves and firing posters spread broadcast are being used to accomplish it.

American's part in any war with Germany probably would consist of these things:

Giving additional monetary assistance to the Allies.

Convoicing merchant ships endangered by German submarines.

Training men and building convoys for an actual participation in the war, should it last sufficiently long.

War Tidings.

French aircraft dropped twenty shells on the enemy bivouacs north-east of Verdun.

The British line is now completely re-established on the Ypres-Langemarck road.

Russian troops continue to progress still further along the coast west of Trebizond.

Italian guns destroyed enemy defences at Seogora, causing the enemy to evacuate.

A Norwegian bark was torpedoed by a German submarine on Saturday. The crew were saved.

President Wilson's message to Berlin on the submarine issue is highly endorsed by the French press.

The judicial authorities of Candia, on the island of Crete, have released the British consular employee whose arrest provoked the blockade of that port.

Premier Asquith's recent speech regarding peace conditions has been commended by Hungarians who are anxious on account of German aggressiveness respecting small nationalities at the end of the war.

After a violent bombardment the Germans launched two violent attacks against the French positions at Bethincourt stream, which were repulsed with very heavy enemy losses.

Regret has been expressed by the Red Cross of both Austria and Germany over the sinking of the hospital ship Portugal by a Turkish submarine and the death of members of the Russian Red Cross on board the vessel.

Amazing progress has been made by General Smuts in his campaign in German East Africa, and a great battle is now in progress at Kondoa Irangi, over 150 miles across the frontier from British East Africa.

German reports say Great Britain has offered to Spain possession of Tangier if she will seize the German ships in Spanish ports, and will consent to the closing of the Straits of Gibraltar to all neutral ships except those flying the Spanish flag.

The Italian War Office has recommended to the cabinet the classes of 1886 to 1894, inclusive, under first, second, and third categories, and class of 1879 for the third category. The call is effective May 15th. No exemptions will be granted, whatever the plea, the call stated.

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STEADY FLOW OF FOOD NECESSARY.

Plight of Belgian People Cannot Be Imagined, Says Mr. Wolcott.

Montreal, April 24.—"There would be wholesale starvation within three or four weeks if the importation of food into Belgium were stopped," says a London despatch quoting Frederick C. Wolcott, who has been investigating conditions and the work of the Belgian Relief Committee.

Continuing Mr. Wolcott says: "If any who covet at the sending of relief supplies to Belgium could only visit Belgium and see personally the plight of the suffering people they would come back as eager for the continuance of the work as I am."

Of the 7,000,000 people in Belgium Mr. Wolcott says 3,000,000 are virtually destitute and drawing but one meal a day consisting of three slices of bread and a pint of soup.

According to his description thousands of people stand in lines outside of relief stations which were originally designed to accommodate fifty persons. Called to the narrow, poorly clad and sometimes wet almost to the skin these people are forced to stand waiting for the meagre ration made possible to them through the generosity of the people of Canada and other parts of the world not immediately affected by the war. And these people are not beggars, they are willing to work to provide themselves with food but the work and the food are not there to be had.

United Canada joins the rest and keeps a steady flow of food going to Belgium at least three million innocent victims of the war will already be added to the toll now so appalling. There is but one means of providing Belgium with succor. Send your bit to the Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal and it will be spent where it does the most good and goes farthest.

VON DIR GOLTZ ASSASSINATED.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 24.—It is reported that Field Marshal Von der Goltz was assassinated in Constantinople as the result of his failure in defending Trebizond.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO UNITED STATES.

Is Said To Be Known To Officials at Washington.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, April 24.—There were indications in official quarters to-day that the tenor of Germany's forthcoming reply to the United States' demand concerning the submarine warfare is known. A long message from Ambassador Gerrat is believed to have conveyed the information.

Whether Gerrat's advice supports unofficial reports that show the likelihood of German concession to the American view, could not be told. No word of the actual contents of his report was available.

Germany is expected to understand that unless she can make an unexpected demonstration of ability to operate submarines against shipping such operations must cease entirely.

WAR BULLETINS.

Russian troops, who arrived in France last week are now on their way to the Verdun front.

Latest despatches from Berlin indicate that Germany has decided to back down on the submarine issue.

Six hundred thousand Germans are now around Verdun. Thirty different divisions are being used.

Many daring deeds reported by the Canadian Eye Witness by men of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Canadian battalions in holding positions at St. Eloi.

Gen. Lake reports that floods again impede the British Tigris advance.

Gen. Smuts has advanced far into interior German East Africa, taking several towns.

COURT DECLARES BACON.

The Author Of The Works Of Shakespeare.

Chicago, April 24.—Francis Bacon was declared to be the author of the works of William Shakespeare in a decision rendered in an injunction suit by Judge Richard S. Tutill in the Circuit Court.

The decision dissolved an injunction issued on the petition of William N. Selig, motion picture manufacturer, to restrain George Falyan, publisher, and others, from completing publications of books supporting the Baconian theory.

The court held that the name Shakespeare had been used simply as a disguise.

"The claim of friends of Francis Bacon," the court said, "that he is the author of the works of Shakespeare and the facts and circumstances in the vast bibliography of controversy over the question and proofs submitted herein, convinces the court that Francis Bacon is the author."

THE TRENCH DIGGERS AT SALONIKA.



A detail of sappers armed with their long-handled spades off to the outskirts of Salonika to dig the trenches from which a possible attack directed by the central powers may be repulsed.

MORE DEGREES AT QUEEN'S

Those Who Graduated in Arts And Science.

66 B.A.'S AND M.A.'S

AND TWENTY-SEVEN BACHELORS OF SCIENCE.

The Degrees Were Announced At the University By the Senate On Saturday Afternoon.

The following degrees in arts and science were announced at Queen's University on Saturday afternoon:

Masters Of Arts. J. A. Binnie, Dover Centre, L. R. Cumming, Ottawa, W. D. Hay, Winchester, T. W. Kirkconnell, Lindsay, D. A. Mackay, E.A., Kingston, W. A. MacKintosh, Madoc, C. M. Trees, Elmville.

Bachelors Of Arts. W. E. Abbott, Marysville, Wianitca, P. Balfour, Hamilton, W. N. Ball, Uxbridge, J. G. Barber, Villa Nova, Annie Beers, Belfast, J. J. Black, Scotland, Abbie M. Boie, West Lorne, B. Brathwaite, Port Sunlight, Eng. C. B. Brotham, Napanee, S. J. Broad, Calgary, Alta. Violet Burton, Perth, H. B. Campbell, Hamilton, H. E. Cavell, Listowel, Carrie L. Costin, Princeton, Edna P. DeWolfe, Portland, Mina Donahuey, Athens, M. Erb, Stratford, K. F. Ettinger, Kingston, Flora A. Fair, Kingston, Helen G. Fairbairn, Spencerville, Vera E. Finlay, Norwood, H. R. Fleming, Kingston, D. G. Fraser, Toronto, A. C. Gore-Solten, St. Catharines, F. M. Gould, Uxbridge, Hilda L. Hague, Kingston, Ferna G. Halliday, Chesley, E. Grace Harrop, Calgary, Alta. F. F. Hicks, Newton Brook, Ethel S. J. Hooper, Kingston, Lenore Kaubach, Edmonton, Alta. Faustina A. Kelly, Sudbury, Madeline D. Kelly, Sudbury, T. G. Lamb, Walkerton, J. M. Lawr, Allandale, Hilda Leggett, Newboro, G. Linton, Whitby, L. Hazel Melvin, Trowbridge, A. J. Melhausen, Walkerton, D. L. Milne, Pensacola, Fla. Kathleen V. Moore, Belmont, Margaretie Mullin, Kingston, Mary McCallum, Smith's Falls, Florence E. MacDougall, Kingston, Isabella McDougall, Wingham, W. J. McFadden, Hamilton, Eva M. McGill, Toronto, *Mary M. McGillicuddy, Toronto, D. A. McIlraith, Lanark.

Margaret I. McIlraith, Applehill, Agnes W. MacKintosh, Madoc, M. Isabel McKellar, Strathroy, A. F. McKillop, Dutton, Mary K. Macpherson, Prescott, Nellie Naughton, Elgin Mills, J. A. O'Donohue, Campbellford, J. M. O'Neill, Lindsay, J. J. O'Reilly, Kingston, W. A. Osborne, Galt, F. W. Paynter, Tentallon, Sask. Mary L. Pessival, Kemptville, Sarah E. Revelle, Kingston, Dorothy Roney, Kingston, Kathleen M. Rose Galt, Jennie E. Scholes, Kingston, W. W. Scott, Stettler, Alta. H. H. Sheldon, Brockville, Annie M. Shiers, Walkerton, E. S. Simpson, Osgawa, Mary E. Smith, Cobden, E. Grace Stewart, Campbellford, Mabel W. Stillwell, Meaford, E. B. Stuart, Ghanford Sta. May L. B. Taylor, Pamela, W. Whitehead, Toronto, Ada Wilkie, Ottawa, E. Grace Wood, Kingston, R. H. Young, Hagersville.

Returns Not Complete. R. P. Richardson, Craik, Sask.

Bachelors Of Science. (In Mining Engineering) O. D. Boggs, Cobourg, Ont. R. K. Carnochan, Ottawa, O. B. J. Frazer, Brockville, (In Civil Engineering) W. G. Barrett, Williamstown, W. B. Dearys, Stoney, Ont. F. J. Donagan, London, Ont. *C. E. Fraser, Brockville, Ont. G. Hemmerich, Chateaugay, T. L. Hughson, Niagara Falls, *C. E. Joslyn, Sinaluis, Sask. F. W. McCarthy, Kingston, M. T. McLennan, Russell, Man. M. D. Nicholson, Leamington, Ont. E. L. Pettigill, Wellington, Ont. *W. S. Orr, Cobourg, Ont. J. E. Parrott, Odessa, Ont. W. H. Slinn, Billings Bridge, J. G. Smith, Kingston, R. F. Smith, Trenton, Ont. W. E. Stephens, London, Ont. S. R. Turner, Peterborough.

(In Mechanical Engineering) H. C. Mabee, Kingston.

(In Electrical Engineering) J. H. Dagnalls, Morewood, Ont. S. C. Morgan, Elgin, Ont. C. A. McGillivray, New Westminster, B.C. *D. J. Roach, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Those starred received honors. (Continued on page 8.)

HOW DRUGS HAVE GONE UP.

Rising Prices Hard on the Hospital Treasuries.

London, April 24.—The higher cost of drugs means a heavy drain on hospital treasuries. The annual report of a London hospital gives four examples of remarkable increases in prices in drugs which are in common use there: Bromides, pre-war, 38 cents pound, now \$6.25 pound; aspirin, pre-war, 47 cents pound, now \$10 pound; phenacetin, pre-war, 65 cents pound, now \$15 pound; phenazone, pre-war, \$1.50 pound, now \$41.25 pound.

Cornwall cheese board will be organized on May 5th. Cheese sold at Napanee at 17 1/2c.

BRAVE MEN OF THE 21ST

Performed Deeds of Daring At St. Eloi.

SGT. E. W. STANBRIDGE

MAINTAINED POSITION WHEN OFFICER WOUNDED.

Bombers Attacked Enemy Crater—Lieut. G. I. Bowerbank Followed Then In Charge of a Working Party.

Desperate fighting on the St. Eloi salient was participated in by three Ontario battalions, the 21st, 19th and 15th, during the week of April 11th-15th. The Canadian Eye Witness at the front says:

"During the period that our troops held the line in front of St. Eloi the circumstances of the fighting afforded a wealth of opportunity for deeds of gallantry and heroism on the part of each battalion greatly distinguished themselves in the eyes of their comrades. The following are but a few of the instances: Sergt. E. W. Stanbridge, of the 21st Battalion, after his officer had been wounded, took charge of an exposed trench on the left flank of his battalion, and maintained his position. On three occasions he took out parties under heavy shell fire to recover the bodies of men killed or to bring in the wounded."

Corp. W. J. Cross, of the 21st Battalion, formed one of an attacking bombing party. When all available bombs had been thrown he withdrew his party in the face of the enemy's bombardment, and brought in a wounded officer.

Company Sergt-Major Deane and Lance-Corps. Currie and Henderson, of the 21st Battalion, assisted in the rescue of wounded men from exposed positions.

Long Service With Machine Guns. Sergt. H. W. Norton Taylor, of the 21st Battalion, was for five days in charge of a machine gun crew in detached position. During this period his post was attacked by a party of about thirty Germans. The enemy fired bombs at our men, but under the steady fire of the machine gun was quickly mowed down. Only two of the hostile party were seen to escape. On two consecutive nights prisoners were taken by the detachments under Sergt. Norton Taylor.

The attack was more successful. Parties of our 21st Battalion under Lieuts. Brownlee, Marks and Davidson bombed their way into a German trench, and although severely shelled by the enemy's guns and trench mortars blocked the trench at both ends and established bombing posts.

Sergt. Major Edmunds, to whom leave had been granted to return to England in order to take up a commission, played a prominent part in the attack and was seriously wounded. Private Bruce Blanchard, although wounded through the lung by a rifle bullet, continued to throw bombs at the enemy until his supply was exhausted. Sniper Joseph Scoullan was in an advanced position used his rifle to advantage until it was blown to pieces in his hands by the explosion of a German bomb.

Wounded Brought In Safely. Capt. Miller having been wounded, Lieut. Brownlee was placed in charge of the second party. Lieuts. Darcy and Davidson accompanied the force. The advance was delayed owing to the difficulty of movement over the rough ground. As the objective had not been reached by daybreak operations were discontinued and our party retired to its trenches. During the advance Lieut. Darcy was wounded, but continued to urge on his men, and subsequently, walked back unaided to the dressing station. After the return of our force Lieuts. Brownlee and Bowerbank searched for and brought in the wounded men under a violent artillery bombardment.

Bombers Attack Enemy Crater. On our right bombers under Captain A. P. Miller and Lieut. W. Fisher and Brownlee of the 21st Eastern Ontario Battalion attacked a crater held by the enemy, Lieut. G. I. Bowerbank following them in charge of a

working party. Lieut. Brownlee and Scout Belyea went on ahead, and having located the enemy led the bombing squad up to the position. Bombs were thrown at close range, but the Germans were found in considerable numbers, and the decision was taken to return for reinforcements.

Sergt. E. W. Stanbridge before enlisting in the 21st Battalion was employed as a servant at the Royal Military College. He enlisted as a private but has worked his way up in the ranks. On one occasion when the Duke of Connaught visited Kingston he stated that Stanbridge was one of the finest soldiers he ever inspected.

Lieut. Bowerbank is a son-in-law of Col. T. D. R. Hemming.

AUSTRIA NOT PLEASD WITH AMERICAN BREAK.

Will Bring Strong Pressure To Bear To Prevent Germany Covering Relations.

New York, April 24.—A News Agency despatch from Rome to-day says Austria will bring strong pressure to bear to prevent Germany from breaking with the United States, it was learned here to-day from neutral diplomatic sources. Hungarian statesmen in particular desire that Germany yield to the United States rather than bring matters to a break. It was their influence that caused Austria to back down completely in the Ancona negotiations with the United States.

BRITAIN REFUSES U. S. CONTENTIONS.

It Holds That Its Blockade Conforms To Recognized Law.

Washington, April 24.—Ambassador Spring-Rice to-day delivered Britain's reply to the American note protesting against the alleged illegal blockade. French Ambassador Jusserand also transmitted a note that France is in agreement with England.

The British note is a refusal to acknowledge any justice in the American argument, and contends that the British blockade conforms to recognized law as laid down by United States in her blockade of the confederacy during the Civil War.

WAS DRIVEN OFF.

(Special to the Whig.) LONDON, APRIL 24.—A German aeroplane flew over Dover at 11:45 a.m., to-day. The War Office announced that the raid or was driven off before he could drop any bombs.

GERMAN SUBMARINES ABANDON PERISCOPE, AND SHOOT TORPEDOES AT VESSELS BY SOUND ALONE.

(Special to the Whig.) Berne, April 24.—German submarines have abandoned the periscope in most instances and are shooting without looking, according to reports current in Berne. Torpedoes are now fired by sound alone.

During the past twenty sinkings in British waters, no one has seen a submarine and but few cases has the wake of the torpedo been observed.

BERLIN AFRAID OF SPANISH.

"England Attempting to Bring Spain Over to Allies." Berlin, via Sayville wireless, April 24.—England is attempting to bring Spain over to the side of the Allies, according to Geneva reports to-day, by offering her Tangier. In return for this concession Spain must seize all German ships interned in Spanish ports, and consent to the closing of the Straits of Gibraltar to all neutral ships except those of Spain. This latter measure would be a further step in the coercion of Greece.

BELLEVILLE'S PROUD CLAIM.

No Place, For Its Population, Has Sent More To The Front. Belleville, April 22.—This city has decided to prepare a roll of honor of all citizens now serving their King and country. Mayor Ketcheson states that no place in Canada has sent more men to the front than Belleville in proportion to its population. This he attributes to the strong United Empire Loyalist stock in this district.

HELPING HIS FRIENDS.

Prince William Of Wied Asks Albanians To Join Teutons. Paris, April 24.—A Havana dispatch from Corfu says that Prince William, of Wied, recently reported to have been reinstated as ruler of Albania, has issued a proclamation appealing to the people of the country to submit to the Teutonic Allies and enroll in the army.

BRITISH EVACUATE

Village of Queda, In Egypt, The War Office Admits. (Special to the Whig.) London, April 24.—An attack by three thousand hostile troops forced the British to evacuate the village of Queda, in Egypt, yesterday, the War Office admitted this afternoon.

A simultaneous attack against the village of Duelder was beaten off.

J. Dickie, Admaston, has sold his farm and intends residing in Kenilworth following them in charge of a

NO INFANTRY ATTACKS MADE

By the Germans on the Verdun Front.

THE FRENCH CAPTURE

A SMALL GERMAN POST NEAR BONHOMME.

French Aeroplanes Drop Bombs On Station In Belgium—German Reconnaissance In Passy Region Repulsed.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 24.—A rather violent bombardment occurred north west of Caurette wood last night, but there were no important infantry actions on the Verdun front, the War Office reported to-day.

Aside from the cannonading north-west of the fortress, the only activity on the whole Verdun front occurred southeast of the city, near Eparges, where the Germans exploded mines without doing any damage.

North of the Alma a German reconnaissance in the region of Passy was repulsed, the enemy suffering heavy losses.

The French made some progress by grenade attacks, capturing 30 prisoners.

In Alsace the French captured a small German post near Bonhomme.

French aeroplanes made a raid on the Vyt Wege Station in Belgium, dropping forty-eight bombs and returning unhurt.

ALLISON TO ARRIVE IN OTTAWA MONDAY.

And Will Likely Appear Before the Commission on Wednesday.

Ottawa, April 24.—Colonel J. Wesley Allison will arrive in the city from Ogdensburg some time to-day. Mrs. Allison and her daughter are going to their home in Morrisburg.

It is understood that Colonel Allison expects to be required to appear on Wednesday before the Meredith-Duff commission, the Davidson commission, and the Public Accounts committee.

Therefore, he is going to come on from Ogdensburg before he is wanted in order that he may have a little rest before going upon the stand.

AUSTRALIA DRILLING

Another 100,000 Men For The Battlefront. New York, April 24.—Australia, with 200,000 men at the front, at an annual cost to the country of \$50,000,000, is drilling another 100,000 soldiers and is prepared to exhaust her resources in men and wealth to aid the Entente allies, according to T. J. Ryan, the Prime Minister and Attorney-General of Queensland, who arrived here with other members of an official party on their way to London.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

"Rolling Stones," Grand, 8.15. See top page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

DEED.

BURKE—Killed in action on April 9th, 1916, at the battle of St. Eloi, Cecil Parker Burke, only son of William T. Burke, aged 20 years. Belleville papers please copy.

EVES—On Easter Sunday, April 23rd, 1918, Monica, second daughter of the late James Eves. Funeral from the residence of her brother, Frank Eves, 56 Bay street, on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are kindly invited to attend.

LOBSEAU—Killed in action on April 9th, 1916, at the battle of St. Eloi, Pte. Uldrique Loiseau, aged 44 years.

MACPHERSON—In Kingston, on April 22nd, 1918, at 35 Sydenham street, Wilhelmina Helen Macpherson, youngest daughter of the late Allan Macpherson.

Funeral (private) 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, to Oshesqui cemetery.

MARCHAND—In Kingston, on April 24th, 1918, Raymond Charles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marchand, 114 Mars street, aged eighteen months. Interment at Cataract.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. Suit thyself to the state in which thy lot is cast. —Marcus Aurelius.



THE EMBLEM THAT WON GLORY AT ST. JULIEN.