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LAST EDITION

THE BRITISH TURN THE "WOTAN" LINE

Capture Half of Village of Oppy--Arleux Also Falls to British--The Fighting is on a Tremendous Scale.

(Special to the Whig.) With the British Armies Afield, April 28.—British troops have turned the German "Wotan" line. Half of the village of Oppy, believed to be the northernmost town of this German defence front, was captured to-day in desperately hot fighting. Arleux, a trifle further to the north, also fell to the tremendous British assault.

Information from other sections of the British front reaching the spot from which this despatch is written, detailed fighting on a tremendous scale of intensity. Around Oppy and Arleux it was still progressing after a night of never-ceasing clash. The armies on both sides swayed back and forth in the struggle.

The latest report to-day showed the British still in possession of half of Oppy and all of Arleux, and beating back desperate German counter-attacks.

Steady Stream of German Prisoners.

Around Gavrelle, Haig's offensive is still gaining ground. A steady stream of prisoners from this bloody angle were, being shifted back of the lines. To the south, as part of his gigantic push, Haig's troops were thrown toward Greenland Hill. They struck hard and fast at massed German forces, and swarmed over into a German trench running south of the Scarpe. There they stuck fast despite tremendous blows launched by the Germans. Not even the literal melting away of the German attackers in the face of a murderous machine gun fire and the steel curtain of British artillery stopped the desperate enemy counter-thrusts. The German losses are staggering in these attacks.

A PROPOSAL TO CUT COST OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Northrup Will Ask for Committee to Devise Ways of Reduction. Ottawa, April 28.—W. B. Northrup of East Hastings, has given notice of a resolution asking for a special committee of the Commons, consisting of nine members, five to be named by the leader of the Government and four by the leader of the Opposition, to consider ways and means of reducing the cost of Parliament. Mr. Northrup believes that if the two parties can come together and cut out a lot of the political sniping, sessions of Parliament can be materially shortened and the cost of legislation considerably reduced.

THE STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Open, Close, and Change. Includes entries for Atchison, B. & O., C.P.R., Erie, Penna., Reading, St. Paul, U.P., Marine, Marine pref., Beth. Steel, U. S. Steel, Inter Nickel, and Anaconda.

Scuds Bread to Soldiers.

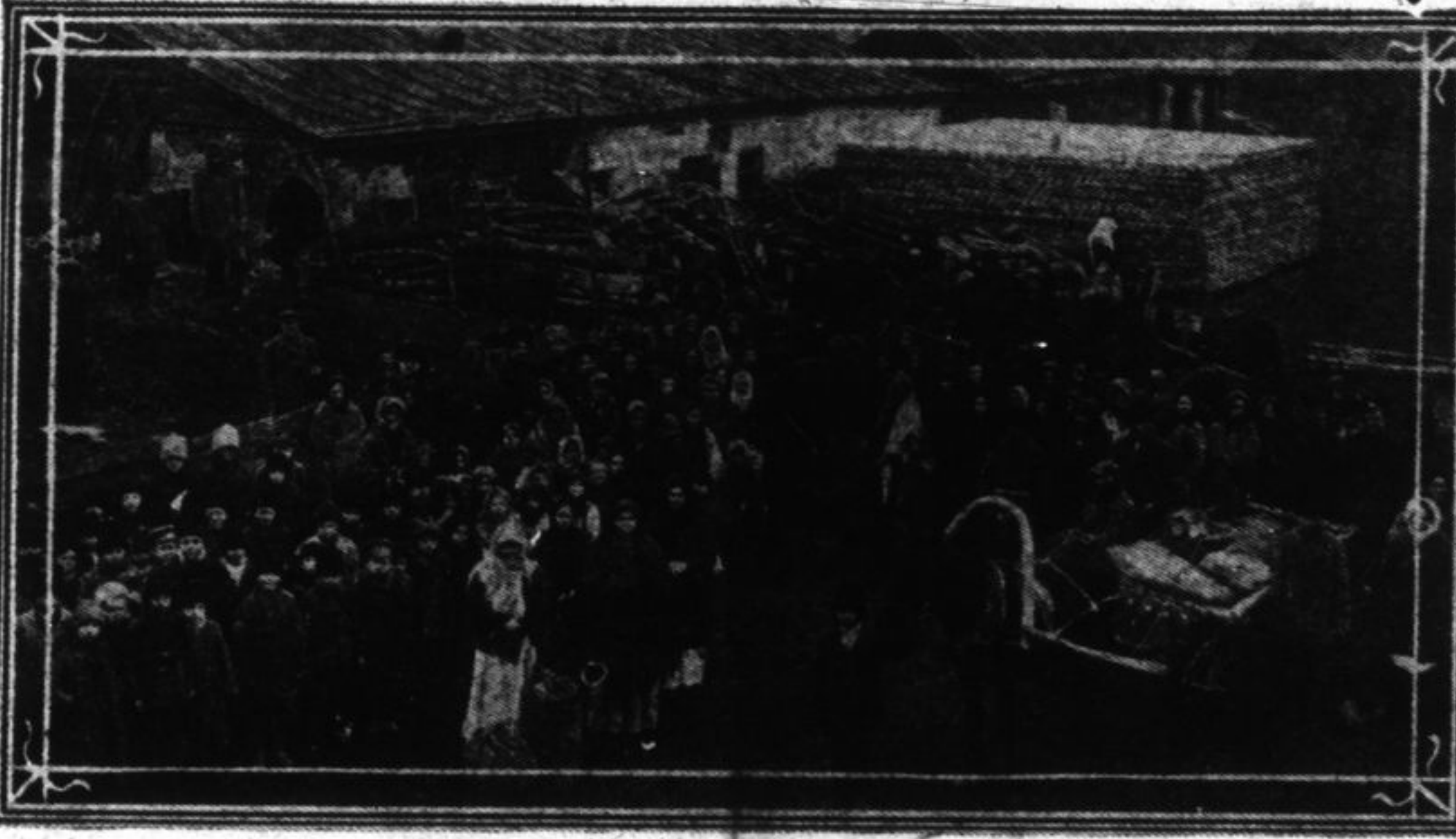
Berne, Switzerland, April 28.—Since the beginning of the war Italy has sent 16,299,325 pounds of bread through Switzerland to Italian prisoners of war in Austria.

Issue Pibladro, barrister, of Winnipeg, will be the chairman of the University board of governors of the Legislature.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA



Lack of efficient means of transport, among other reasons, has been largely responsible for the food shortage in many parts of Russia. In many places the railways have only a single line and are besides needed by the military authorities for the transport of troops and supplies for the army and can do little work for the civilian population. The scene of the above picture is a town in Southern Russia, and Austrian prisoners of war are helping to distribute the much needed food to the women and children.

THE FRENCH CAPTURE 26,780 PRISONERS.

Since April 16th — Germans Try to Relieve Pressure on St. Quentin. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 28.—Since April 16th, Gen. Nivelle's advancing French troops have taken 26,780 prisoners and 175 guns—including many of the heaviest calibres—412 machine guns and 119 trench mortars, today's official statement declared.

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Today's fighting the War Office reported French raids in several sections and numerous German counter-attacks all along the fighting front.

"We raided German trenches in the region of Hill 304," the statement said.

"West of the Meuse during the night, we brought back prisoners. German troops attacked east of Auberive, but were repulsed. Artillery was very active between St. Quentin and the Oise and in the Champagne."

Today was the second day of the German effort to relieve the pressure by the French troops encircling St. Quentin by tremendous artillery fire attacks.

BLAMES HER ENEMIES

Germany Will Try Hard To Keep Factories Going. (Special to the Whig.) The Hague, April 28.—Germany blames her enemies for much of the industrial discontent now apparent. Because of this suspicion, it was hinted that the Government was taking drastic measures to prevent any stoppage of work in munitions factories. Apparently May Day is nevertheless awaited with considerable apprehension. "Urgent due to the curtailment of food, to war weariness and the desire for franchise reform is aiding in the plan."

Favor a Strike.

(Special to the Whig.) Amsterdam, April 28.—Directly contrary to the government's appeals, the Socialist minorities in the Reichstag and the Prussian Landtag have adopted resolutions favoring a general strike on May Day according to Berlin dispatches today.

For St. Mary's Dogs.

St. Mary's April 28.—At the last meeting of the St. Mary's Town Council a by-law was passed requiring that all dogs must have a collar giving the owner's name, and a license tag. All dogs within the municipality without these requirements will be shot after May 15th next.

To Visit Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 28.—The Anglo-French mission to the States will visit Canada towards the end of May. Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, F. Marshall, Joffre and Vice-Premier Vivanti, will be the guests of the Duke of Devonshire here.

Broken Off Relations.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, April 28.—Guatemala has broken relations with Germany and handed the German minister his passports it was officially announced by the State Department today.

WILL BOOST COAL PRICES

Big Increase in Pay to Anthracite Miners in U.S. New York, April 28.—Coal men estimate that the wage increase granted to 175,000 miners in the anthracite fields will raise the retail price of hard coal an average of sixty cents a ton.

Still Sinking Neutral Ships.

The Hague, April 28.—There is big activity by German submarines against neutral shipping in the North Sea. Seventeen Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ships were sunk this week.

Chinese Restaurants Have the Right to Employ White Girls.

Ottawa, April 28.—Chinese restaurants have the right to employ white girls the Ontario attorney-general reports.

GERMAN EDITORS TALKING PEACE

Germany is Ready to Quit Without Asking Any Russian Territory. (Special to the Whig.) Copenhagen, April 28.—Germany's conservative newspapers are now talking guarantees against encroachments on Germany's territory as necessary to any peace agreement. Today the Vossische Zeitung (Berlin) carried a long editorial discussing the semi-official Vienna declaration that Austria was willing to forego all annexation plans in the event of peace.

TO ASK FOR GUARANTEES

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APPEAL TO RUSSIAN JEWS

Jews in U.S. Ask Them to Oppose Separate Peace. Washington, April 28.—American Jews, headed by Louis Marshall and including Henry Morgenthau, Jacob Schiff, Oscar Straus, Julius Rosenberg, as representatives of the American Jewish committee has joined in sending to Foreign Minister Milukoff at Petrograd, a cable imploring Russian Jews to oppose any step which might lead to a separate peace between Russia and the Central Powers. Such a step, the appeal says, would lead to restoration of an autocratic government and degradation of the Jews in Russia, below even their former condition.

ONLY 25 1/2 INCHES TALL

Smallest Woman on Stage Dies in New York. New York, April 28.—Sylvia Willes, better known as "Princess Victoria" and the "Midget Melba" who died here yesterday was said to be the smallest woman on the stage. She weighed 19 1/2 pounds and was 25 1/2 inches tall. She was born in Melbourne, Australia, nineteen years ago.

HOPES U. S. ARMY WILL SOON BE READY

Gustave Herve Expects Record-breaking Feats in Sending Force to Front. Paris, April 28.—"America's reputation for beating records inspires many writers here with confidence that she will startle the world by the form and rapidity of her intervention in the war." The ever-sanguine Gustave Herve in La Victorie, referring to the report that America will send a million men in 2 years time, exclaims: "We hope, indeed, that in a year Germany will be on her knees. If our American friends desire to spare an outpouring of French blood it is not in a year's time they will hurry to our aid, but at the end of this summer. We can never believe a nation so sport-loving, so rapid, would be incapable of organizing and equipping an army of three hundred thousand in three months. It is all very well for old France, fettered down by bureaucracy, to spend two or three years training her young men in barracks. But young America, if she takes more than three months to organize her divisions of infantry her reputation in Europe is lost. Not in one year, but in three or four months French, British and American aircraft should be so abundant as to prevent the Germans having a single aeroplane aloft."

THE ADMIRALTY IS CRITICIZED

Charged With Failure to Cope With Energy With Submarine Menace. London, April 28.—Not since the days of Winston Churchill's occupancy of the post of first lord of the admiralty has the British naval administration been under such dire as that turned loose by nearly all the British press today.

THE BRITISH PUBLIC FAILS TO TAKE TO THE VOLUNTEER RATIONING PLAN.

Complete Information of Submarine Losses is Necessary to Force Recognition of Need for Economy in Food. London, April 28.—Not since the days of Winston Churchill's occupancy of the post of first lord of the admiralty has the British naval administration been under such dire as that turned loose by nearly all the British press today.

ANOTHER LITTLE CRAWL.

New German Terms More "Definite and Moderate." Amsterdam, April 28.—Tud publishes the following statement from its correspondent in Germany, who usually is reliable: "If I am not misinformed, German peace terms will be set forth more definitely in a speech which the chancellor will deliver in the Reichstag during the coming month. These terms, it appears, will be moderate and acceptable."

ITALIANS' GREAT FEAT.

Transported Serbian Army Through Infested Waters. Rome, April 28.—Official figures now available show that the transportation of the Serbian army to safety was a great task and that it was accomplished almost entirely by Italian warships and merchant vessels.

War Tidings.

The German losses on the Aisne River, not including Arras, are figured at 225,000.

Lloyd George tells the British to stick to their rations and build lots of ships.

Several more German fliers have been brought down in air battles.

French troops are making further gains near St. Quentin. Important posts have been taken.

German losses in the west have been reported as 225,000.

German troops on the western front are losing heart. Many have been shot for desertion. The rations are very scant.

P. J. V. McKlan associate editor of the Insurance Post, Chicago, and formerly of Perth, has been appointed secretary of the fire insurance branch of the Chicago clean-up campaign, which commenced April 23rd.

James Gibson, who recently retired from the office of Sheriff for Prince Edward County on account of ill health, is now confined to his bed.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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MARRIED

CARON-TOZER.—In Kingston, on August 20th, 1916, by Rev. J. Lamb, A. J. Caron, 55th Street to Joseph Caron.

ZUVIKEY-ADRIAN.—In Kingston, on April 25th, 1917, by Rev. J. Lamb, of Calvary Congregational Church, Ida May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Adriani, 55 L. Edmund street, city, to John Zuviky, of this city.

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Familiar Quotations

When the books of the Recording Angel are made up forever, perhaps there may be seen an entry to thy credit.

The British Strike Tremendous Blow

Special to the Whig. London, April 28.—Field Marshal Haig struck another tremendous blow at the German lines to-day in a powerfully revived offensive over a front of several miles north of the River Scarpe.

"Early this morning we attacked a front of several miles north of the Scarpe," he reported, "meeting considerable opposition, but making good progress."

Battle front despatches indicated violent fighting in progress during the day along the whole line of this great drive.



MAP SHOWING HINDENBURG'S FINAL RETREAT. Showing that Hindenburg is going back and making an endeavor to keep his battlefront at right angles to the main lines of communication which is highly desirable and must be done to prevent disaster. The route taken by the Germans during their victorious advance is the route they must now take on their retreat. The arrows show the direction of the further retreat the Germans must make.