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FIVE-MILE ADVANCE EAST OF ARRAS

The British Push is Pressing Along the Entire Fifty Miles of Battlefront--Vimy Ridge is Firmly Held--Canadian Casualties Light.

With The British Armies Afield, April 11.—In freezing blustery weather, with bursts of blinding snowstorms, the British smash continued to-day unabated by the fiercest resistance from the enemy.

On the blood-soaked crest of Vimy ridge alone, it was established by report to-day that the Canadians had taken almost 3,600 prisoners, including 72 officers and 23 guns. Included in this number were nine guns of heavy calibre. The booty from the defeated Germans also included 70 machine guns and about 40 trench mortars.

Elsewhere along the line where Gen. Haig smashed his men forward, three corps of British troops took 7,294 prisoners, including 170 officers. They also seized 83 guns, 18 trench mortars and 84 machine guns.

The top of Vimy ridge is now attained and firmly held. The British were systematically clearing out snipers in various places further ahead on the lower slopes. The steady pounding of fields guns searching out such nests of the enemy continued incessantly.

Bad weather made no difference to-day in the strength of the "Big Push." Elated by their victories, confident of their superior strength, and secure in the perfect co-ordination of all arms of the service, the British and Canadians poured forward in waves, steadily encroaching on the German-held land, and as steadily eating it away from the enemy.

the northern slope of the ridge to-day. British patrols were actively pressing on. From the plain beyond the ridge the Germans feverishly served their guns, directing shells at all parts of the forest in the hope of checking the onward rush of the Maple Leaf army corps.

Field Marshal Haig's crimp in the German line reached a depth of five miles east of Arras to-day. With this sweep forward the strength of the British offensive increases with each battering of the enemy line. The push to-day was pressing along the entire fifty miles of battlefront.

Canadian Casualty Estimates. (Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, April 11.—Eighty-nine Canadian officer casualties were sustained in the first day's fighting of the Canadians for the famous Vimy ridge. This includes dead, wounded and missing, and the Canadian losses as indicated by the officer losses are considered here to be unprecisely light in view of the importance and nature of the action.

This is the smallest total in railway accidents in the last ten years. BRITISH CAPTURES ARE VERY LARGE. London, April 11.—The total booty secured by the British as a result of two days' operations is officially stated to be as follows: Prisoners (including 235 officers) 11,000; Guns (including heavy cannon up to 8 inches) 100; more than 100; Trench mortars 60; Machine guns 163.



Here is the main street of the town of Noyon, the point nearest Paris occupied by the Germans previous to the retreats of last month. The picture shows what the Germans did to it the first picture from the new area of devastation.

LITTLE SHORT OF MIRACULOUS

Manner in Which British Advanced Over Many German Trenches.

THE GUNS FINALLY MASSES

Intrepid Airmen Cover the Advance Everywhere and Enable the British Artillery to Shell Every Dangerous Area. With the British Armies in France, April 11.—The British sweep east of Arras yesterday turned the northern pivot of the famous Hindenburg line, and large forces of British troops are pressing far beyond the top of that German barrier, which was prepared after endless months of labor.

BAD TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

By the Huns is Recounted by Ex-Ambassador Gerard.

WERE TAUGHT TO BITE BRITISH PRISONERS

Gerard Protested to Officials—Says United States Could Not Have Done Anything Else Than Enter the War. New York, April 11.—Some astounding stories of the manner in which Allied prisoners in Germany are tortured by their brutal German guards, were told 'the members' of the Canadian Club at their dinner last night by the former United States Ambassador to Berlin, Mr. Gerard. It was the first occasion since his return from Germany that Mr. Gerard has broken his official silence. He said in part:

BRITISH DRIVE TO AID RUSSIA

By Preventing the Germans Sending Too Many Troops East.

IT WILL BE KNOWN WHERE HUNS WILL STRIKE

For Their Supreme Military Effort—German Prisoners in Cages Cause Amusement to the British Tommies. London, April 11.—Many observers believe the British are making the present smash in order to prevent the Germans moving to many troops east to attack Russia. Italy also has been insisting that the Germans intended to attack her in a kind of a new Verdun effort unless a great diversion were created. As the battle of the Somme was started last year to relieve Verdun, so many military critics now believe that the present offensive is to prevent a German concentration against either Russia or Italy. The British and French feel completely confident of their strength in France and Flanders, and Italy is regarded as able to take care of herself.

HOSTS ARE MARRYING TO DODGE THE KHAKI

Cupid Enlists Battalions From Coast to Coast in the United States. New York, April 11.—Marriage license records for all time past were smashed from coast to coast in the United States yesterday. A combination of war brides and conscription dodgers was responsible.

Reports to the United Press from other sections of the country show that the movement was nation wide. Both in Chicago and New York the crush of couples around the bureau was so dense that police reserves were called to quell riots; and for a time the Chicago bureau had to be closed.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way. President Wilson calls on United States farmers to increase production of food at all costs.

President Menocal was finally re-elected. President of Cuba when by-elections were held at Victoria de Lastunas. An official statement issued by the Orangemen says that thirty per cent. of the entire membership of the Order in British Columbia has enlisted with the fighting forces.

At Austin, Texas, the greatest public demonstration ever witnessed took place Monday afternoon, when more than twenty thousand citizens of Austin and adjacent towns attended their loyalty to the American flag by forming a marching column several miles long.

Typoid fever, which has been prevalent for some time past from St. Johns to Sorel, embracing most of the Lower St. Lawrence valley, and Yarmouk, and caused, it is said, by the contaminating of those rivers by the sewage in the neighborhood, does not appear to have abated.

Washington, D.C., April 11.—"Feeding our Allies" is to be this country's part in the great war for the present. Mobilization of foodstuffs and providing means for full naval co-operation for delivering them at the ports of British and France is to be the extent of the United States physical effort just now.

Meantime hundreds of thousands of men will be trained for action on European fronts as soon as they are fit and as soon as the transportation facilities are available.

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HINDENBURG LINE HAS BEEN TURNED

Smashing Blows Carry the British Still Further Forward.

11,000 GERMAN PRISONERS HAD BEEN TAKEN UP TO TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Canadians Are Still in the Thick of the Fighting and Have Taken 4,000 Huns. (Special to the Whig.) London, April 11.—Eleven thousand German prisoners with 235 officers, 100 heavy field guns, 163 machine guns and sixty trench mortars have already been captured by the British in the battle of Vimy Ridge. The Hindenburg line has been turned.

The Canadians are still in the thick of the fighting. A total of 4,000 prisoners and thirty guns have been taken by the Maple Leaf troops. Field Marshal Haig's smashing blows carried him still further forward against the Germans to-day.

The capture by British forces of the village and heights of Monchy le Preux and La Bergere was announced in early despatches from him to-day. "Satisfactory progress is being made elsewhere," Field Marshal Haig declared. "The battle front situation is developing generally in accordance with our plan."

Monchy le Preux lies at the southern extremity of Vimy Ridge and the heights of La Bergere are just adjacent. The smash by which the new positions were gained puts the British line another half mile south east of Arras in the direction of Cambrai.

The territory northeast of St. Quentin is being swept clean of German forces as the British encircling movement goes on. The French civil population is ordered to leave Rheims. A big French movement is on.

In order to expedite mobilization the United States Government is planning to take over the control of certain railways. The Canadians have thoroughly secured the ground torn from the enemy Monday, and are fully prepared to make further inroad immediately upon his further fortifications.

Were Completed a Little Late to Catch the Allies. Copenhagen, April 11.—There are various indications from Germany that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is now completing his new strategic dispositions, and that the extensive movements of troops for the spring operations, which were somewhat delayed by the long-continued cold weather, are now nearing an end.

Passenger traffic on the railroads, which during the troop movements was conducted only under extreme restrictions, is now being resumed on a more normal basis. Various express trains and sleeper services, which for the time being were abandoned, have now been reintroduced.

The current articles of the German military critics are based on the assumption that the first developments from the troop movements will come from the western front.

To Sign 111 Bills. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, April 11.—When the Lieutenant-Governor prorogues the Legislature to-morrow afternoon he will give assent to 111 bills or exactly one for each member of the Legislature, as representing the enactments of the session just closed.

Argentine Remains Neutral. (Special to the Whig.) Buenos Aires, April 11.—Argentina to-day formally "recognized the justice" of the United States' declaration of a state of war against Germany, but announced her strict continuance as a neutral.

DAILY MEMORANDUM. Rumor sale, Friday at 2 p.m. Windsor Hotel. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities. MARRIED. HARRISON-GREER—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, on April 7th, 1917, Laura Eleanor Greer, to Stanley Singleton Harrison.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French. Paris, April 10.—The official communication issued by the War Office Tuesday night reads: "North of the Oise the artillery on both sides was active. South of the Oise our batteries destructively shelled German organizations east of Comcy. South of the Alliette River the enemy violently bombarded our positions in the sector of Neuville-sur-Margival."

Italian. Rome, April 10.—Tuesday's War Office report read: "Desultory artillery firing was reported along the whole front yesterday. On the Carso during the night of Sunday the enemy attempted to attack the advanced posts recently captured by our troops in the area north of Boscomato. The attack was stopped by our batteries before it had time to develop."

German. Berlin, April 10.—Regarding the heavy fighting on the western front to-day's army headquarters statement reports that the "battle near Arras continues." "In stubbornly resisting the superiority of the enemy," adds the statement, "two of our divisions suffered considerable losses. The British succeeded in penetrating our positions on the roads radiating from Arras, but did not break through."

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Hammering Brought Result. It was this hammering which demoralized the German lines on the Somme during the winter and brought about the recent retirement from Arras south-eastward to St. Quentin. Now the top of this line has been crossed, and it is being attacked along the entire distance.

The meaning of the aeroplane activity last week, when the British fliers deliberately set out to clear the air of Germans, has been revealed in the new attacks. The intrepid airmen are covering the advance everywhere, keeping the troops advised of enemy movements and enabling the British artillery to shell every area where concentrations appeared to be taking place. The day was anything but ideal for flying. It was blustery from sunrise to sunset and furious snowsqualls were in the air at half-hour intervals. During these the machines were completely submerged by the snow barrage.

Historic Battle-ground. Last night the Canadians triumphantly announced that the famed Vimy ridge had been cleared of all Germans. Vimy ridge has been an historic battle-ground in this war. The country on either side is dotted with graveyards, in which lie tens of thousands of French and German soldiers who gave up their lives in the fight either to take or to hold this imposing position. The British, who have tasted the bitterness of the battles, and the Canadians had been holding on to a slender position on the western slope all winter only by the display of most tenacious courage.

Postmaster is a German. And Mail Driver an Austrian—English Citizens Object. Winnipeg, April 11.—English-speaking citizens of the Shillingthorpe, Sask., district are complaining bitterly of the postal arrangements in that section. Under present arrangements they must get their mail from a German postmaster at Calder, and they assert that the job of mail driver has been given to an Austrian. The English-speaking people met and decided to send a man once a week to Toxa for mail rather than submit to present conditions.

Cancelled Film License. Action in Toronto Against Bible Students' Association. Toronto, April 11.—The Provincial Treasurer, Hon. T. W. McGarry, has cancelled the moving picture license of the International Bible Students' Association. This is a direct result of the visit here Tuesday of Judge J. F. Rutherford, of New York, and the address he made to the Bible Students' convention at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. Films produced by the association have been shown from time to time on Sundays at the local theatres. Judge Rutherford said among other things in his address yesterday that the teaching of the Bible Students' Association was entirely opposed to enlistment.

Privilege Given by France to Lafayette Air Squadron. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 11.—The War Office to-day decided that the Lafayette air squadron, composed almost exclusively of American aviators, in future will be permitted to wear the American army uniform, and on their aeroplanes will be painted the American flag.

Familiar Quotations. Often do the spirits of great events stride on before them, and in today already walks tomorrow. —COLERIDGE.