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GERMAN ATTACKS ARE BEATEN OFF

The British Repulse the Enemy at Various Points.

SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

ON MOST OF THE NORTHERN BATTLEFRONT.

British Advance Near Festubert—North of the Somme the Enemy Artillery Has Been Active.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, April 13.—The British advanced their line slightly in the neighborhood of Festubert and took a few prisoners. There was heavy fighting last evening near Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem, and the battle here was still in progress at a late hour last night.

The statement follows: "Heavy fighting developed yesterday evening in the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem and at a late hour last night was still continuing. We advanced our lines slightly in the neighborhood of Festubert and secured a few prisoners. Early in the night a strong hostile attack, preceded by a heavy bombardment, was launched against our positions east of Locon. The enemy succeeded in entering our lines at certain points but was driven out again by a counter-attack and a second attack attempted by the enemy later in the night in the same locality was successfully beaten off. During the early part of the night the enemy also attacked west of Merville and was repulsed. On the remainder of the northern battle front the situation is unchanged.

"Sharp local fighting took place yesterday south of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Hangard and positions into which the enemy had forced his way were regained by counter-attacks delivered by British and French troops. North of the Somme the enemy's artillery has been more active.

"Strong enemy forces launched an attack early last night east of Locon and succeeded in entering the British lines at certain points, but were ejected by a counter-attack. A second attempt later in the night at the same place was also beaten off. In the sector south of the Somme, British and French troops by counter-attacks drove out the Germans from Hangard which they penetrated yesterday.

The Enemy Repulsed. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, April 13.—The Germans made an attack last night west of Merville, on the northern battle front and were repulsed, the war office announced.

Losing Its Force. New York, April 13.—The Associated Press war review says today: "Indications that the German drive in Armentieres region is losing some of its force are contained in today's official news from the battle lines. The Germans apparently are making their strongest effort in their drive for Bailleul.

Further attacks on British right wing between Givency and Robecq, on La Bassée canal, yesterday, wholly failed. Two attempts were repulsed. British also counter-attacked around Givency and took important German post.

American Troops Help. (Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, April 13.—The Germans last night renewed their attacks upon French positions in Brule wood in the forest of Apremont. American troops in this section, in conjunction with the French, have combated with vigor and broken the majority of the enemy's attacks. At one point where the enemy obtained a footing he was thrown out by a counter-attack. On the Somme battlefield the entire village of Hangard and the adjoining cemetery have been regained from the Germans.

War Tidings. Twenty-four persons killed, sixty-two wounded as result of German air raid on Friday night in Paris. British casualties reported for week ending to-day totalled, killed or died of wounds Officers, 372; men, 1,101. Wounded or missing: Officers, 1,888; men, 4,768.

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RIPTON WAS LOYAL; KILLED IN ACTION

Young Man Once Interned in Fort Henry Served With American Artillery.

A special message from Watertown, N.Y., to the Whig on Saturday morning stated that Leonard W. Rippton, who was interned for a year in Fort Henry as a suspected German spy, has been killed in action. His father, John C. Rippton, of Johnsonstown, N.Y., received word that he met death on the 7th of April. Rippton enlisted at Watertown with the American artillery last year. The young man has proven that his heart was with the Allies. In 1915 he joined the 8th C.M.R. at Kingston, but became suspected and was interned. He was eventually released, as it was proved he was an American citizen, and on the 1st of October he returned to Watertown, declaring that some day he would prove that he was not pro-German.

NEW SALIENT DANGEROUS TO FOE

All High Ground of Tactical Importance Still Held by British.

London, April 13.—Eye-witnesses of the situation between Messines Ridge and Givency report that the salient newly made there by the Germans is "more dangerous to the enemy than to us." All the high grounds of tactical importance over the whole battlefield is held by the British. It is useless for the Germans to come on in far greater strength than hitherto in this sector. Their effort to turn the heights commanding Ypres is believed certain to end in a bloody failure.

Meanwhile Hindenburg is expected to reap some advantage from his northern diversion by a fresh attack between Arras and the Dives. Though the British in the latest fighting passed through a terrible ordeal, all reports testify to their unimpaired coolness and confidence.

ZEPPELINS PENETRATE FAR INTO ENGLAND.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, April 13.—Several Zeppelins raided the east coast and penetrated inland last night. One German airship reached the Midlands and another penetrated almost to the north-west coast. It was officially announced. The text of the announcement reads: The raiders were travelling at a great height and showed no inclination to alight. Most of the bombs were dropped in open country, and apart from the demolition of four houses at one place the damage so far is reported as "conceivable." Five persons killed, fifteen others injured in German air raid on England.

KILLED IN ACTION

Williamstown Athlete Pays Supreme Sacrifice. Cornwall, Ont., April 13.—John Cattanech, Williamstown, received official notice that his son, Sgt. W. J. Cattanech had been killed in action on April 2nd. Sgt. Cattanech was attached to the 21st Battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal some time ago for conspicuous bravery in the field. Three boys of Mr. and Mrs. Cattanech were serving in the great cause of human liberty and the two remaining are still at the front. Sgt. Cattanech was one of the brothers of that name who figured in hockey contests with Williamstown, Cornwall and Brockville teams a few years ago. He was of fine physical ability and a good player.

FARMERS MAKING SYRUP.

Military Police at Pembroke Deny Sensational Rumor. Pembroke, April 13.—There is absolutely no truth in the report that the authorities were on the track of a band of deserters who were supposed to be about 20 miles from Pembroke, and who it was said were preparing to march on Ottawa. One of the military police officers here is authority for saying that when the news reached them and they investigated it was found that the supposed deserters were farmers engaged in making maple syrup.

ARRESTED AFTER CHASE OF TWO YEARS.

Montreal, April 13.—After a chase of nearly two years duration Constable Colangelo arrested Peter Sharbanovitch, alleged to have murdered Pascale Rossi, an Italian soldier, who was found dead with his throat cut in a house on St. Agathe lane on March 18th, 1916.

BOYS BURNED TO DEATH.

Norman, Okla., April 13.—Thirty boys were burned to death when a fire at an early hour to-day, destroyed a ward at the State Hospital for Idiotic Children.

VEGETABLES CREMATED

Nearly 100,000 Pounds of Turnips, Onions and Apples Destroyed. Toronto, April 13.—Nearly 100,000 pounds of vegetables and apples have been destroyed at the western crematorium and Don destructor, between April 4th and April 10th, according to an announcement made by Street Commissioner Wilson. Turnips and onions were the principal vegetables.

HOW TO DO IT.

The best way for citizens to advance their clocks is to do it when they retire to-night. Push the hands an hour ahead and on Sunday morning everything will be in order to go to church at the proper hour.

PROTECTING PARIS ARC DE TRIOMPHE—EFFECT OF BOMB



The left hand picture above shows the Arc de Triomphe protected by sand bags to preserve from bombs and shells the famous sculptures which adorn it. The arch was begun by Napoleon I, to commemorate his victories, and the sculptures are in large relief on each of the four sides of the facade near the base. The right hand picture shows the damage wrought by a single bomb on a typical six story apartment house in Paris. Two hundred persons took shelter in the cellar of this building, despite the destruction of the upper floors, and all were taken out safely after many hours.

IRISH MOTION WAS REJECTED

Nationalists Wanted to Omit Conscriptio of Ireland From Man-Power Bill.

ASQUITH'S STRONG SPEECH

DECLARED HE WOULD NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Of Pushing His Opposition To Irish Conscriptio to Extent of Forcing Change In Government During the Military Crisis.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, April 13.—A proposal by the Irish Nationalists to omit the conscriptio of Ireland from the Government man-power bill was rejected by a majority of 172 in the House of Commons last night. The total vote shows that a large section of the House abstained from voting.

The debate in the House yesterday and last night was remarkable for the speech of Hon. H. E. Asquith, former Premier, who while strongly objecting to the conscriptio of Ireland, frankly declined to take the responsibility at the moment the nation is facing a grave military crisis, of pushing that opposition to the extent of forcing a change in the Government.

Henry F. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, made a brave attempt to conciliate the Irish members.

U-BOAT SHELLS MONROVIA.

The Capital of Liberia On West Coast of Africa.

Washington, April 13.—A German submarine of the largest sea-going type on April 10th appeared in the port of Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, and bombarded the wireless and cable stations there, the State Department has been informed in an official despatch.

The submarine threw scores of shells from her deck guns into the wireless station, causing extensive damage. She had just turned her attention to the cable offices when a steamer was sighted passing the harbor's mouth. The submarine left in chase and did not return.

MILITARY POLICE MAN SHOT.

By a Defaulter—Detachment Leaves for the Scene.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Sydney, April 13.—Dominion Policeman George McLeod was shot in the body and legs and probably fatally hurt at one o'clock this morning when he attempted to round up a French-Canadian named Whissel under the M.S.A. in a French community about three miles from Esplanada. It is stated that an organized gang, including women, made an attack on McLeod. Inspector Story and a large detachment of police have left for the scene.

WHAT WAS HIS PURPOSE?

Box of Ground Glass in German's Clothing.

Chicago, April 13.—A box of ground glass was taken from the clothing of Jacob Hendricks, former constable of Aurora, Ill., when he was brought here to-day. Hendricks was arrested at Aurora, charged with promoting a lottery to aid German sailors interned at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

The British Government, through the Royal Flying Corps, will erect to the memory of the aviation cadets who were killed in training there during the winter, and whose bodies were not returned to England.

Hold on Firm Says Gen. Haig.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, April 13.—Field Marshal Haig addressed this message to his troops on Friday:

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our back to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind alike depend on our conduct in this critical moment."

Field Marshal Haig announced that the French army "is moving rapidly and in great force" to the support of the British.

TO TRAIN U. S. TROOPS

France Is Asked To Send Over Instructors.

Washington, April 13.—France has been called upon to aid in hastening the movement of American troops across the sea by sending additional officers for the training camps in the United States. General Vignal, military attaché of the French Embassy, after a conference yesterday with Major-General March, acting chief of staff, cabled his Government suggesting that any officers that can be spared be detailed for duty in America.

Many French instructors already are on duty at the camps, giving American officers and men the benefit of their experience in actual fighting at the front. It has been decided that more are needed to carry out the plans for sending the troops to Europe and to the front much sooner than the original programme contemplated.

QUITE A FEAT.

He Plays The Piano With A Grafted "Thumb."

Reading, April 13.—During their visit to Reading this week, King George and Queen Mary, while visiting one of the hospitals, were much interested in the case of one of the soldiers. He had lost a thumb, and, being an enthusiastic pianist, felt the loss keenly. A young surgeon amputated the third finger of the left hand and grafted it on in the place of the missing thumb. The duncan now uses his "thumb" quite comfortably in playing the piano.

ALL TWO CENTS OR OVER

There Are No One-Cent Papers In British Isles.

London, April 13.—The last one-cent newspaper in the British Isles, the Daily Express, has now gone up to two cents. London now has one six cent morning paper, two at four cents and the remainder at two cents each. The afternoon papers are all two cents, except one, which sells at four cents.

Work Cost \$253,982.

Ottawa, April 13.—The performance of the several duties assigned by the Government to the new defunct National Service Commission involved a total expenditure of \$253,982, according to a return presented to the Commons. The items of expenditure were: Headquarters administration and survey of overseas troops, \$27,872; outside administration and provincial directors' offices, \$50,540; man-power inventory and occupational survey, \$68,552; special thrift, production and war savings campaigns, \$90,238; campaign, \$5,782.

GERMANS BUNCHED ON SMALL FRONT

Seventeen Divisions Engaged on Enemy Side From Hollebecke to Givency.

8,000 MEN TO THE MILE

WAS WHAT BRITISH HAD TO CONTEND WITH.

The Enemy Is Advancing Over Flat, Intricate Country, And Has Not Obtained Footing on Any Hills.

London, April 13.—The London evening newspapers, in reviewing the situation on the western front, state that in the Wytschaete region the Germans failed to get the main crest of the ridge.

The Germans have taken the village of Messines, while the British are holding the outskirts. Attacks on Wytschaete and the Messines Ridge failed, the Germans losing very heavily in their attack.

At least seventeen divisions are engaged on the German side of the front from Hollebecke to Givency, the reviews declare, that being the number it is estimated have been thrown into the fighting up to the present.

This would mean that the Germans put more than 200,000 in action, so far, on this comparatively narrow front of approximately 25 miles or some eight thousand men to every mile of frontage.

The reviewers point out that the Germans, checked in their advance toward Bethune, have turned westward with the idea of developing a success in the direction of Bailleul, which is an important railway center, and Hazebrouck, about fourteen miles west of Armentieres. They point out that the enemy is now within a short distance of Bailleul and that his advance in the direction of Hazebrouck has taken him rather more than half way there from his original starting point.

The enemy's flank in the direction of Bethune and the remaining coal area of Northern France is a comparatively broad one, making it appear that he may intend, if checked westward, to renew his pressure southward. On the other hand it is pointed out that the enemy is advancing over a flat, intricate country and has not yet obtained a foothold on any of the hills.

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GERMANY WILL NEVER OBTAIN OBJECTIVES

British Line Pushed Back, But It Will Hold, Declares Lord Reading.

Chicago, April 13.—The allied line on the western battle front will hold, the Earl of Reading, British Ambassador to the United States and Lord Chief Justice of England, said in an address before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in session here.

"It would be foolish to minimize the onslaught of the German horde against our line in the west," said Lord Reading. "Gains have been made by the enemy. Our line has been pushed back. But the objectives of the German commanders have not been attained. They never will be attained. The liberty of the world is the issue of this war. There will be no German peace. The end of the conflict can come only by the signing of a just and lasting peace, and Germany will never dictate the terms."

RUSSIAN FLEET ESCAPES GERMANS

First Squadron of Two Hundred Vessels Arrives at Kronstadt.

Petrograd, April 13.—The Russian fleet at Helsingfors, aggregating 200 vessels, apparently has escaped from the menace of capture by the Germans.

The first squadron, composed of battleships and cruisers, has arrived safely at Kronstadt, the naval base of Petrograd. The second squadron, composed of torpedo boats and submarines, is reported off Kronstadt, and the third, made up of transports and vessels of older types, is expected to reach Kronstadt tonight.

BRITISH TROOPS STANDING FIRM

At the Vital Points Along the New Battle Line.

HIGH GROUND IS ALL HELD

BY THE BRITISH DESPITE ENEMY'S DESPERATE ATTACKS

Though Outnumbered the British By Courage and Stubborn Will Have Flung the Germans Back.

London, April 13.—The British have stood firm at vital points along the line. Wytschaete is still held by Field Marshal Haig's men, who also maintain their grip on Messines Ridge, Lestrem, Ploegstoort and Ploegstoort Wood, and Hollebecke, against which furious assaults have been launched only to break down or be nullified by British counter-attacks.

The drive south of Ypres developed into a major operation, it would appear, and the Germans, using their massed attack system, are not counting the loss inflicted on them in their advance, but they have gained little of great tactical value. The high ground along the front is still held by the British forces, and the retreats here and there have not as yet endangered the integrity of the line from Arras to the North Sea.

Once again the British are outnumbered and it is only by the courage and stubborn will, with battalions weakened by losses, and of individual soldiers animating their comrades by acts of brave example, that the enemy has been unable to make rapid progress, and as at Wytschaete and Messines, has been flung back with most bloody losses.

There were strange and terrible scenes on all the roads leading to the battle zone, where British infantry and gunners were going forward to stem the tide. Masses of transport moved and civilians passed them in retreat to villages outside the wide area of shell range, and wounded men came staggering down slopes, if they could walk, or brought down by ambulances, threading a way through this surge and swell of war, if they were badly hit.

WHAT BRITAIN CLAIMS

(Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, April 13.—The headquarters statement says the captured Armentieres garrison numbered fifty officers, 3,900 men with forty-five guns. The total captures to date in the present attack are one British and one Portuguese general, 25,000 men and 200 guns.

WAR TIDINGS

Two air planes dropped bombs on Paris Friday night, killing eleven and injuring fifty. Colonel Espington thinks the German navy will strike the English and Geneva hears of great activity at German naval bases. It is officially announced that the British will build nine cannon to throw a shell eighty miles.

NO VOTES FOR WOMEN, SAY QUEBEC MEMBERS

Almost United In Opposition to the New Franchise Bill. Ottawa, April 13.—Opposition of Quebec to the government's bill extending the franchise to all women was voiced freely in the Commons. Consideration of the bill was resumed in committee and representatives of Quebec province who spoke were practically without exception in opposition to the extension of the franchise to the other sex.

A. R. McMaster, the English-speaking representative of Brome, was an exception. While favoring the principle of the bill, he thought it had some objectionable aspects. He suggested that all reference to the War-Time Elections Act should be omitted from the measure and freely criticized the act under which part of the women voted at the last general election.

The majority of the Quebec representatives based their objection on the idea that the giving of the right to vote to women would be detrimental to family life and social conditions generally. Others took the view that the franchise should remain a matter of provincial control, with which the Dominion Government should not presume to interfere.

TO USE TABLE WANTED

Toronto Controller Offers To Finance Project For City. Toronto, April 13.—If the city treasury cannot find the money to finance the project of feeding table waste collected by the street cleaning department to the poor, Controller O'Neill has offered to advance the required \$7,000 himself.

"I will put up the money rather than see the plan fail," said Controller O'Neill to-day. "It is vitally important that everything possible be done to eliminate waste and increase production."

FIRE SWEEPS TOWN IN WEST.

Vermilion, Ala., April 13.—It is estimated that \$500,000 damage was caused by the fire which swept the heart of this town Thursday, destroying every business block with the exception of one. It is understood that the insurance will net about 60 per cent. of the total loss.

GERMAN DREADNOUGHTS

Two Added To The Fleet Since Start of War. Amsterdam, April 13.—Two new dreadnaughts have been added to the German fleet during the war, according to the Vossische Zeitung, and have participated in the bombardment of the fortifications on the islands of Oesel and Dago. These vessels are the Baden and the Bayern, which were launched in 1915 at Kiel and Danzig. They are thirty-eight centimetre shells.

NO MORE PINK TEAS.

New Liskeard, April 13.—Refreshments which do not serve the purpose of a regular meal will be tabooed for the duration of the war, according to a decision arrived at by the local branch of the Women's Institute. The ladies are taking an active interest in the production campaign.