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GAS THE ENEMY ON BIG SCALE

Canadians Launched a Combined Projector Gas And Shell Bombardment.

SETTLED AN OLD ACCOUNT

THE BIGGEST OF ITS KIND SINCE WAR BEGAN.

The Success of the Bombardment Was Evident by a Lessening in the Hostile Fire.

Canadian Headquarters in France, April 20.—(Via London, April 21.)—During the last twelve hours the Canadians have carried out the biggest combined projector gas and shell bombardment in the history of the western front. From early last night until early this morning our heavies and howitzers rained shells upon the hostile battery positions, using lethal gas, lachrymatory gas and high explosives, while at two o'clock this morning over twelve hundred drums of lethal gas were projected against the enemy trenches and support areas in an intensive concentrated bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment at great and lesser intervals, in a scientific, carefully-thought-out programme of destruction, designed to silence enemy guns and kill the gun crews, or at least to make the operation of their batteries impossible. The success of the bombardment was early seen in the lessening hostile fire, while some estimate of the likely damage caused may be gathered from the results of a similar shoot on April 8th, in which 22 out of 32 of the enemy batteries were put out of action and have not since fired a shot.

Settling an Old Account.

In the midst of this destructive operation special units carried out a projector gas bombardment against Lens. In the few seconds occupied in releasing the gas flares, which went up all along the enemy front line, the men in our trenches could distinctly hear the cries of distress from the enemy caught without masks. When quiet had been restored and the Germans were presumably emerging from their dugouts and other special retreats, our artillery sprayed the hostile front, support and assembly areas with shrapnel.

ALL MUST REGISTER BETWEEN 16 AND 60

Will Not Be Able to Travel On a Train Without A Certificate.

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, April 22.—Official announcement is expected to-day of the plans of the National Registration Board. Every male and female between the ages of sixteen and sixty will have to register. The plans have been approved by the Cabinet.

There are drastic regulations, which will make it necessary for everyone to comply with the orders. It is understood, for instance, that a person without a registration card will be unable to travel on a railway train and will be unable to draw his pay envelope if working for a firm.

BISHOP FALLON GOES TO EUROPE

Will Visit Canadian Battle Front and May Go to Ireland.

London, Ont., April 22.—Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, has left for England and France to visit the Canadian forces at the request of the army authorities overseas. His Lordship since the outbreak of the war has had charge of the work of providing Roman Catholic chaplains for the Canadians. Though no announcement has been made on the subject here, the belief is held that he will take advantage of his mission overseas to visit Ireland.

During his absence the administration of the affairs of the diocese will be in charge of Very Rev. D. O'Connor, vicar-general.

Prorogue By May 24th.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, April 22.—Prorogation of Parliament before May 24th is now aimed at, and the Government is expediting business before the House with that end in view. It is not expected that the Opposition will attempt seriously to block the progress of Government measures.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Mrs. George Mulholland of Guelph dropped dead in church of heart failure.

The Armenians have recaptured Van, in Turkish Armenia, from the Ottomans and have repulsed attacks on Baku.

Fuel Controller Magrath states that all classes of consumers must practice conservation of coal to the utmost.

Mrs. George Wilsher, Toronto, wife of a soldier, dropped dead of heart failure, leaving a family of seven children.

Rev. S. F. Sharp, B.D., pastor of Exeter Presbyterian Church, died suddenly while preparing to take his morning service.

Canadian apples are scarce in France and whenever a supply reaches the Dominion troops out there it is a joy-day.

The Soviet soldiery are reported to have stamped out disorders in Moscow and placed over 300 Anarchists under arrest.

Canada's new man-power measure, which was signed on Saturday by the Governor-General, and is now in effect, is expected to add 30,000 men of the ages of 20, 21 and 22.

HEAVY NEW TAXATION

Announced in British Commons—Britain's National Debt.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, April 22.—Chancellor Bonar Law, introducing the budget in the House of Commons to-day, announced that in the last year Great Britain had advanced two and a half billion dollars to its Allies and that United States had advanced four and a half billion dollars to the Entente nations. Britain's national debt is about thirty billion dollars, Bonar Law said. Heavy new taxation proposals are announced.

"It is only necessary for us to lean on the United States to the amount the other Allies lean on us; or in other words, we are self-supporting," the Chancellor said. He made certain suggestions regarding advances to the Allies which, if adopted, would lessen Great Britain's burden considerably without in any way increasing the total obligations of the United States.

SANK A SUBMARINE.

A British Sea Captain is Awarded the D.S.O.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

A Canadian Atlantic Port, April 22.—There is now in port a British sea captain who on a recent voyage to Europe shelled and sank a German submarine. The skipper was awarded a D.S.O. for his work. His steamer was well within the war zone when the forward lookout sighted a submarine on the surface only a short distance ahead. Travelling at full speed he rammed the U-boat, disabling the German craft but not sinking her. The submarine sea boat was then shelled until it sank.

Kingston Drafts Reach England.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, April 22.—The following Canadian troops have arrived safely in England. Infantry drafts from Ontario and western points; artillery drafts from London, Guelph, Toronto, Kingston and western points; R.A.F. pilots, R.M.C. cadets, Imperial recruits and other details; total, 3,827 of all ranks.

BUDGET SPEECH ON THURSDAY

More to be Taken From Big Incomes—Little Tariff Change Likely.

Ottawa, April 22.—The Budget for the present fiscal year will be presented to the Commons on Thursday by Hon. A. K. Maclean, Acting Minister of Finance. At about the same time Sir Thomas White will arrive in Washington from California to negotiate with the British and American representatives ways and means of meeting the big balance between cash income and cash outgo which Canada has to meet this year. The two big items of this cash deficit are due, first, to furnish credits to Great Britain for approximately eight hundred millions of war purchases in Canada for food and munitions during the twelve months, and, second, between four hundred and five hundred millions of an adverse trade balance with the United States.

The Finance Minister will seek to complete pending arrangements for ear-marking four or five hundred millions of the United States loans to Great Britain for transfer by Great Britian to Canadian account in helping to pay for our financing of British orders in Canada. He will also take up with the Washington Government the question of largely increasing American war orders from Canada this year.

It is understood that the main new taxation to be imposed this year will be a substantial jacking up of the toll taken from the men of big incomes. Canada will follow the example of Great Britain and the United States in this respect. The details of the new proposals are still conjectural, but it is pretty certain that the Government will take the lion's share of anything over fifteen thousand per year.

So far as the tariff is concerned, little or no change is anticipated. At any rate no change affecting the protective system has been hinted at.

MESSINES RIDGE, THE THERMOPYLAE OF THE WAR

MESSINES RIDGE AGAIN the SCENE of TERRIFIC ASSAULT — CENTRAL NEWS PHOTO

FIND ALIENS NOT FAVORED

The Alien Question Again Discussed By Veterans And Labor Men.

ARMOURIES IS CRITICIZED

BY COMMANDANT OF THE A. AND N. VETERANS.

Who Charges That Men Are Employed There And in Uniform Under False Pretences.

At a meeting of the combined committees of the Great War and the Army and Navy Veterans and the Trades and Labor Council held Sunday evening, the sub-committee appointed to obtain facts regarding the employment of aliens and enemy aliens made a report on its work during the past week. Various industries were visited and every consideration was shown by the managers, who expressed sympathy and offered valuable suggestions which if followed would remove misunderstanding and secure consideration for the returned soldier. It was not found that any enemy aliens or foreigners were placed over British subjects in local industries. The committee made searching inquiries at the industries visited, but failed to find any concrete evidence of discrimination in favor of aliens. At the office of the chief of police it was found that thirty-three enemy aliens are registered and report to the office monthly.

Much discussion arose over the status of a Canadian of German descent, one whose grandparents were both born in Germany, and of the attitude that should be taken in such a case. At this point friction arose between the two veteran bodies, and the representative of one was told that he attended the Ottawa convention but failed to produce credentials and was denied admission as the Kingston representative, and this was the reason why there were two bodies in Kingston. The remark drew forth a categorical denial.

The administration of military affairs at the armouries was criticized by the Commandant of the Army and Navy Association, where he said, "men employed and in uniform under false pretences." "The facts of the employment of men in the armouries are rotten," he declared.

It was pointed out by the chair that the organization was formed to deal with the alien question, and discussion followed with regard to aliens in general and much dissatisfaction was expressed over the position of the alien allowed to carry on business in the city.

Dr. Thomas McCarten has been elected without opposition to the House of Commons, for the Tullamore division of King's County, Ireland. He is a Sinn Feiner.

MORE GERMANS SLAIN THAN WOUNDED.

Berne, April 22.—During the present offensive and for the first time since the war began, the number of German dead has been greater than that of the wounded.

It is estimatedd that during the month's unprecedentedly furious German attack in the west the Kaiser has had 300,000 of his men killed and about half that number wounded.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO A LITTLE GIRL

3-year-old Daughter of Constable Marshall Armstrong Died Saturday Afternoon

Following serious burns she suffered on Monday morning last, when she set fire to her clothing while playing with matches, the death occurred in the General Hospital on Saturday afternoon of the three-year-old daughter of Police Constable Marshall Armstrong.

The little tot suffered terrible burns, but it was at first thought that she would recover. However, in spite of the very best of care and treatment she was not able to withstand the terrible shock.

Unawares to her mother, the child secured some matches, and while playing with them in front of her home set fire to her clothing. Some passerby came to her assistance and beat out the flames, but she was badly burned over her body. The parents will have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

BASEBALL SCORES.

National League.

SATURDAY'S SCORES.

New York... 5 Boston 0
Philadelphia.. 3 Brooklyn 2
Other games postponed.

SUNDAY'S SCORES.

Chicago..... 8 Cincinnati 1
St. Louis-Pittsburg—Cold weather.

American League.

SATURDAY'S SCORES.

Boston ..... 4 New York 3
Cleveland.... 3 St. Louis 1
Other games postponed—Rain.

SUNDAY'S SCORES.

St. Louis.... 11 Cleveland 7
Detroit at Chicago—Rain.

All Quiet So Far In Ireland.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, April 22.—Military authorities have taken over control of the principal Irish railways, the post offices and telephone exchanges. The police on Saturday removed all arms and ammunition from gunsmith shops in Dublin, where it is reported that similar action will be taken throughout Ireland. Nowhere does any disturbance or even excitement seem to have occurred either at pledge-taking meetings or at the numerous political gatherings throughout Ireland Sunday at which conscription was denounced in strong terms.

Canadian Casualties.

Killed in Action—R. G. Smith, Ottawa.

Died—A. Jocque, Martintown.

Died of Wounds—L. Colbeck, Pembroke.

Presumed to Have Died—J. Kierman, Havelock.

Missing—F. C. Kearns, Fenelon Falls.

Ill—C. Stewart, Campbellford; Nursing Sister A. F. Forneri, Belleville.

Gassed—G. A. Brownlee, Perth; H. F. A. Copp, R. W. Johnson, S. Rothwell, Peterboro; E. Newton, Vankleek Hill; H. B. Haines, Kingston; J. C. McInnis, Lanark.

Wounded—C. Sarles, Trenton; O. G. Fillion, Cataraqui; A. G. Cameron, Lanark; I. P. Vandewater, Picton; J. Robertson, Odessa; J. D. Elliott, Renfrew; C. Thaw, Cobourg; F. C. Hunter, Millbrook.

Duke Frederick, second ruler of the German Duchy of Anhalt, is dead at Ballenstedt Castle, aged sixty-one years.

Baron Gautsch Von Frankenthurn, former Austrian premier, is dead at his home in Vienna.

FIGHT GERMANS TO A STANDSTILL

The British on the Lys Front Force the Enemy Back.

A SHARP COUNTER-ATTACK

RESTORES BRITISH LINE IN THE GIVENCHY SECTOR.

Only Hun Attack Fails Dismally—German Attack Is Apparently Brewing on Front Between Arras and Albert.

London, April 22.—Fought to a standstill by the gallant defenders of the British line on the Lys front, the Germans have been forced from the one or two forward positions in the Festubert-Givenchy sector. By a sharp counter-attack the first division compelled the enemy to give up all he had to show for his costly all-day attack on Thursday. The attacking Tommies attained everything they went after, and a complete re-establishment of the line.

The only German activity reported Saturday resulted in dismal failure when the British drove the attacking enemy back to their jumping-off point in the Robecq region, near the westerly tip of the Lys salient.

British troops carried out a successful minor operation in the region of Arras, capturing a few prisoners, nine machine guns and a trench mortar. Apparently it was a feeling-out operation to see what forces the Germans have ready for an attack in this region, which is the logical point for the third phase of the German offensive.

In some way the Germans have got to force back the British line between Arras and Albert before they can go much further ahead in their push on the Somme battlefront, as their right flank is held fast by the British from Vimy to Albert and has not been able to keep pace with their left, south of the Somme.

The British anchor point on this line is Vimy Ridge, north of Arras the turning of which from the north has been assumed to be one of the German objectives in driving in the salient along the Lys, whence they apparently hoped to work southward. Stopped in this attempt by the British in the fighting on Thursday and yesterday they must either strike here again or attack with a similar purpose elsewhere if Vimy and the line it splits is not still to stand in the way of their southerly drive.

British Make Gains.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, April 22.—The British advanced their lines slightly last night in local operations on both of the principal battle fronts, the War Office announces.

Gains were made near Villers Bretonneux and Albert on the Somme front and Robecq at the tip of the Flanders salient.

A strong local attack by the Germans on the front north of Albert was repulsed after the enemy had captured one of the British advanced posts.

German Raid Repulsed.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Paris, April 22.—To-day's official says: "A German raid last night east of Avre in the region of Thennes was repulsed. We took prisoners. Another German raid east of Rheims gained no greater success. Active artillery fighting continued at different points on the front."

MAKE SOLEMN PLEDGES TO RESIST CONSCRIPTION

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Dublin, April 22.—Solemn pledges to resist conscription were made all over Ireland yesterday.

All Irish Nationalists and Sinn Fein M.P.'s have decided to stay in Ireland and help their electors fight conscription.

ITALY HAS GIVEN HER BEST TROOPS.

Paris, April 22.—A high Italian official, in an interview with the Excelsior, declared: "The Italians sent to France are our best and most experienced fighters. This does not include the Italian aviators, who have been here for some time co-operating with the French.

NO CONSCRIPTION OF THE IRISH YET

The Order-in-Council Must Be Tabled For Two Weeks.

Dublin, April 22.—The net result of the debates in Parliament has been to postpone indefinitely the application of conscription to Ireland. When the man-power bill passed this week every man in Great Britain up to the age of 50 became liable to military service. No man in Ireland will be liable until some time in the future when an order-in-council is issued applying the Act to Ireland. That order must lie on the table in the House of Commons subject to debate fourteen days before it can be issued.

In that debate the members, who in the recent division did not wish to embarrass the fate of the man-power scheme in England by giving effect to their opinions against conscription in Ireland, can vote on Ireland alone. Before that stage is reached the Government has promised to introduce a Home Rule bill and also do its best to pass it and presumably put it in operation not merely on the statute book, where, of course, there is a good Home Rule Act already, the withholding of which has caused so much trouble.

This all involves time and it may well be months before there is actual application of conscription to Ireland. Unless, therefore, Irishmen should "shoot before they are shot at," as the labor Minister put it, there seems to be no reason for any immediate apprehension of bloodshed in Ireland. At the moment the state of the country is undoubtedly grave, but more in forecast than in actuality.

2,000,000 In Class 1.

Washington, April 22.—Under the classification for men for the selective draft service, Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder has advised the Senate Military Committee approximately two million will be placed in Class 1, from which it is expected all future calls will be taken.

RESERVES INTACT, GEN. FOCH SAYS.

Milan, Italy, April 22.—"We hold the boche waves, but that is not sufficient; we will do something more," Gen. Foch is quoted as saying in an interview published by The Corriere della Sera.

"Our ample reserves are still intact. We are satisfied with the progress of events."

KAISER NERVOUS OVER FAILURE

Now Repudiates All Responsibility and Lays Burden on Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

London, April 22.—Reliable information received through diplomatic channels indicates that the Kaiser is even more nervous and petulent than he was on the day when he informed Ambassador Gerard that he would "stand no nonsense from America after this war." The All Highest is said to be "thoroughly uncomfortable" about the way things are going on the western front.

His feelings are regarded here as not unnatural inasmuch as Gen. Ludendorff assured him Hindenburg would go through the allies like a knife through cheese." Influenced by this picturesque optimism the Kaiser with characteristic impulsiveness is said to have announced that "this is my battle." Now his Majesty, who, because of his tears over Louvain and the recent slaughter in the west, has become known as the "Crocodile Monarch," is reported to have repudiated all responsibility for the strategy of the German general staff, and to have laid the whole burden on the shoulders of Ludendorff and Hindenburg.

This performance is expected to goad the army chiefs to sacrifice their men with all the more recklessness and inhumanity in the hope of achieving a victory that will cause the Kaiser to deplore his disclaimer of personal responsibility for the battle.

The continued concentration of German divisions between Arras and the Oise suggests the imminence of a savage onset against the allies in that sector.

Mail Bag Thief Gets 3 Years.

Belleville, April 22.—Herbert Bowen, engaged as a car checker, was on Saturday sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for stealing overseas parcels from a mail bag.

Capt. Von Richthofen, the famous German aviator, has been killed. He was credited with nearly 100 Allied aeroplanes.

THE TIDE TURNS AGAINST ENEMY

United States Military Men Think the Foe is Halted For Good.

ALLIES MAY BE RACING

TO LAUNCH OFFENSIVE BEFORE HUNS START ANOTHER

Will Discourage Plans Of the Enemy To Undertake Offensives in Italy, Macedonia or Palestine.

Washington, April 22.—The tide has turned in France and the Germans have been stopped for good, members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee declared to-day after their weekly conference with the War Council.

The allies are now prepared to combat a third offensive, if the Germans launch one, without any fear of its outcome, committee members said.

That the allies may be racing to get an offensive movement launched before the Teutons can renew theirs was the belief of some American military men to-day.

Both sides are feverishly bringing up their reserves, reconstituting divisions that have been badly torn in battle and building reservoirs of ammunition.

If the allies can wrest the initiative from the Germans now it will be an accomplishment equal to a substantial gain in territory, the experts declare.

By turning the tide and forcing the Germans back even though slowly, the allies will discourage plans on the part of the enemy to undertake offensive in Italy, Macedonia, or Palestine, they say.

Movement of Italian forces to the western front is the first concrete result of the unity of command under Foch. Italy has always had a surplus of men, perhaps as many as 2,000,000. Different causes have prevented the use of this man-power previously.

War Tidings.

The British succeeded in improving their line in some points on Saturday and captured some prisoners and machine guns. German artillery were active but infantry were not used to any extent.

In aerial operations on Friday and Saturday the British dropped several tons of bombs on German works and trains in Belgium with big results.

The Germans made severe attacks on French and Belgian lines and in each case gained some ground but were evicted with great losses in counter-attacks.

The American steamship Florence H., was blown up in a French port by an internal explosion at midnight, April 17th.

In addition to the destruction by fire of the German airplane plant at Manzell, reported several days ago, the Zeppelin manufactory at Freiderichshafen is said to have been burned down.

The neutrality of Switzerland has been violated 586 times up to the end of January, according to an official announcement. In 418 instances aviators were responsible.

Maj-Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief-director of military operations at the British War Office, will be assigned to important duties in the field, according to a London despatch.

German troops on Saturday night made an attempt to push their way through the British lines near Ypres, but were stopped by British guns.

The Germans are massing big forces with many guns on various parts of the French front and big attacks are expected.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

By a Mixed Jury of Men and Women.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

San Francisco, April 22.—For the first time in the history of California, a mixed jury of men and women returned a first degree murder verdict in the Superior Court here Saturday. The verdict leaves the trial judge no option but to sentence to death the Defendant, Antonio Lepara, who shot and killed Mario Aliota. Seven women were on the jury and a verdict was reached in less than an hour.

3,000,000 BUSHELS OF GRAIN

To be Rushed to Belgians Who Are in Need.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Washington, D.C., April 22.—Food shipments to the civilian populations of the Allied countries will be suspended for ten days to move three million bushels of grain to the Belgians, who are declared to be in desperate straits.

WAR BULLETINS.

The British regained more ground in counter-attacks. The Germans made no attacks.

French and British forces are aiding the Bolsheviki on the Arctic coast.

The Germans suffered heavily from Canadian gas attacks.

The British and German fleets were in touch off Heligoland. Shots were exchanged and the Germans retired.