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HEAVY FIGHTING IS CONTINUING

East of Amiens—British Have Improved Their Positions Considerably.

A RUSH FOR KEMMEL HILL

BY THE ENEMY WITHOUT APPRECIABLE EFFECT.

Gas Barrage On Anglo-French Front in Flanders Was Followed by An Infantry Assault.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—Heavy fighting continues on the sector east of Amiens, a Reuters correspondent at British headquarters reports. The Germans obtained a footing in Daquenne wood, west of Villers Bretonneux, but the British counter-attacked and drove them back to the fringe of the wood. At several places the British have retaken ground and their position has improved considerably. Both British and German tanks participated in the fighting at Villers Bretonneux. Two British tanks, the correspondent says, got among a mass of Germans and did great execution.

The Germans made a determined attempt to rush towards Kemmel Hill yesterday but without appreciable effect. The French counter-attacked and restored the position. At two o'clock this morning the Germans put down an intense gas barrage on the Anglo-French front in Flanders. Two hours later deep waves of infantry delivered an assault. The fighting still is in progress.

Fighting Most Severe.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—The fighting yesterday on the whole of the 29-mile front was most severe, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by artillery, infantry and tanks. North of the Villers Bretonneux-St. Quentin road the enemy three times attacked the British positions and on each occasion was repulsed with losses. During this fighting enemy made use of a few tanks. Late yesterday evening the enemy also attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and was repulsed. Fighting continues in this sector and tonight. Hostile artillery was active during the night in the Festubert and Robecq sectors.

LITTERED WITH DEAD AND DYING

A Young Marine Tells of the British Landing at Zeebrugge Mole.

London, April 25.—A young marine who took part in the fighting on the Mole, at Zeebrugge, described his experiences to a Central News correspondent at a Kentish port as follows: "We certainly had a hot time. It was all pitch dark until we got right into the harbor, and then the place suddenly became alight with star shells, and the air started to rain."

"Looming big ahead of us was a German destroyer, evidently getting under way. We put on full speed ahead and rammed her amidships, cutting her in half. As she sank we steamed alongside the Mole quickly, put out gangways and rushed on to the Mole. By that time it was raining hard.

"The first thing my party encountered was a giant German, who came out of the semi-darkness and lunged at our nearest man. Before he could get in a blow our captain knocked him on the head with his trenchcoat, and he sank down dead. "Next we saw another German destroyer tied up on the other side of the Mole. This we destroyed. We knocked on the head all who attempted to oppose our progress. Then came an order to charge along the Mole. We rushed ahead, bayonetting or shooting all we came across.

"By this time we were fairly mad and in high glee. The noise of the firing, mingling of the shouts and cries of the men, was terrifying. It was a slaughter."

The marine said that when the order came to return to the ship they retraced their steps along the Mole, which was littered with the dead and dying, and re-embarked safely.

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CARSON OPENS FIRE ON HOME RULE BILL

Sir Edward Charges Government With Breach of Pledges—Ulster Disregarded.

London, April 25.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, in a letter to the press says: "The government are on the point of introducing a home rule bill and have threatened to leave their posts in the hour of national danger unless it is carried into law. The Prime Minister says that any pledges which stood in the way are to be scrapped, because the war has lasted longer than was expected by those who gave them.

"It may perhaps lead to a clearer understanding of the position in which Ulster is placed by this announcement to recall the sequence of events in relation thereto since 1914."

Sir Edward then reviews in detail the history of the controversy during the war, his recital being devoted to showing that the government has broken a number of pledges to Ulster that no attempt would be made to force Ulster into the hour of national danger and that even when the convention met the government gave an undertaking that legislation would only be introduced if a substantial agreement was reached, and that there could be no substantial agreement unless the representatives were assenting parties.

"The Prime Minister admits now that no substantial agreement has been reached, and the Ulster delegates in a separate report tell us that no agreement was reached on any point of importance. Yet Lloyd George announces the introduction of a home rule bill for the whole of Ireland, which, it is generally assumed, will be based on the majority report, from which the Ulster delegates unanimously dissented.

CANADIAN FINISHED 7 BOCHE MACHINES

Acts of Bravery For Which Military Cross Was Awarded.

London, April 25.—Particulars are now available concerning the award of the Military Cross to Lieut. F. G. Avery of the Royal Engineers, belonging to Ottawa. He maintained communication in heavy shell fire between brigades and battalions, although lines were repeatedly cut. Lieut. William Durand, of the Flying Corps, formerly with the Canadians, has received the cross for dashing work as a patrol leader, shooting down seven Boche machines.

TORONTO MAN REFUSED HONOR.

James Wood's Name Omitted From Empire Order.

London, April 25.—The London Gazette announces that the name of James Wood, of the Canadian Munitions Board, should be omitted as his own request from the list of those receiving the Order of the British Empire.

James Wood is a Toronto man. He was formerly connected with the Imperial Munitions Board, but has since resigned. He is president of the British Forging Company, and also president of the Amalgamated Ammunition Company.

FLYING CORPS CADET KILLED AT DESERENTO.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Camp Mohawk, Deseronto, April 25.—Cadet V. R. Evans of Bayfield, Ont., was instantly killed here this morning when he stepped into the propeller of an aeroplane on leaving his machine. His next of kin is Mrs. W. Evans.

STEFFANSON HEARD FROM

He is Quite Ill With Complications Following Typhoid.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Fort Yukon, Alaska, April 25.—Bringing an appeal for a doctor by Vilhjalmur Steffanson, the Arctic explorer, who lies dangerously ill on Herschel Island, a messenger reached here late yesterday after a record-breaking trip from the north. In the message carried by the courier, Steffanson told of being ill fifty days after being stricken with typhoid and pneumonia, followed by complications. A northwest mounted policeman and two Eskimos have died of typhoid, while several others are ill the messenger said.

The Registration In June.

Ottawa, April 25.—The detailed regulations governing the man and woman power registration to be taken on a day before the end of June, to be fixed, make provisions for the places of registration being open from seven o'clock in the morning until 10 p.m.

THREE MEN KILLED IN HAMILTON EXPLOSION.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Hamilton, April 25.—Three men were killed and a number injured this morning at the plant of the Hamilton Tar and Ammonia Company. The dead are: Alfred Ingram, superintendent; Harry Sylvester and George Cameron. The direct cause of the accident is unknown. The force of the explosion hurled two of the men through a brick wall.

STEMMING GERMAN TIDE—TROOPS TO THE FRONT



ALLIED TROOPS PASSING THROUGH A FRENCH VILLAGE ON WAY TO STOP THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

SS. ST. PAUL TURNED OVER

While She Was At Her Pier at an Atlantic Port.

Ropes Are Aiding in Holding Her Afloat—Not Known If Any One Aboard Was Drowned.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) An Atlantic Port, April 25.—Shortly after arriving here from a nearby basin this morning, the American steamship St. Paul, now in the Government service, overturned at her pier here to-day. She was eleven thousand tons and had rendered great service during the war.

The vessel, lying on her port side. It is supposed her sea cocks were left open. So far as known no one was injured. The military authorities have taken charge of the situation.

The St. Paul did not sink. She lies overturned with her decks partly awash, but with her masts lying across the roof of the pier shed. Ropes are aiding in holding her afloat, placed there by her workmen, some of whom jumped into the water in escaping. There were four and five hundred laborers aboard at the time she overturned.

The vessel overturned while being warped around her pier here. It is believed that all persons on board escaped, but as the vessel lies two-thirds submerged with her bow on the bottom and her stern high in the air, the military authorities were unwilling to announce that no one perished. It was considered possible that some of the men might have been caught in the tops of the ship and drowned. Whether the St. Paul's sea cocks were left open or whether the ballast shifted remains to be determined.

Many workmen appear to have been imprisoned in the hold of the St. Paul. Observers from the tops of the buildings overlooking the pier saw rescuers cutting holes in part of the hull above water, letting down ladders and bringing up men.

FAILURE OF U-BOATS.

German Admiralty Bitterly Attacks—Deputies Severe.

Washington, April 25.—Disappointment in Germany over the lack of success of the submarine campaign is pictured as severe in despatches to-day from Switzerland. Bitter criticism of the Admiralty, the despatch says, has followed the realization that the undersea war is not accomplishing what was claimed for it in the beginning.

Visited Clyde Shipyards.

Glasgow, April 25.—The American Labor mission was cordially received at the Clyde shipyards yesterday. The Americans urged upon large gatherings of workmen the necessity for vigorous and sustained efforts to obtain the largest possible output.

Lord Rothmere Resigns.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—Lord Rothmere, brother of Lord Northcliffe, has resigned from the office of Secretary of State for the Air Forces. It is announced to-day, owing to ill-health.

Canadian Casualties.

Died of wounds—C. Hilton, Belleville; W. McCarey, Eldorado. Wounded—J. McCormack, Renfrew; H. W. H. Stevens, Newtonbrook.

The advertising of the Victory Loan cost \$207,993, of which \$164,519 went to newspapers and magazines. About half the bees around Brantford perished through the severity of the winter.

ONLY CLASS "A" MEN ARE CALLED

Between Ages 20 And 22, the Minister of Militia Says.

While She Was At Her Pier at an Atlantic Port.

HER SEA COCKS LEFT OPEN

THE BIG LINER DID NOT SINK, HOWEVER.

If Conditions Require It Later On—Special Provisions For Excusing Men in Families Already Serving.

Ottawa, April 25.—Several important announcements with regard to the new Military Service Act regulations, were made by the Government at the opening of the House yesterday. One was to the effect that the calling out of men between the ages of 20 and 22, whose exemptions have been cancelled, would affect only those who are in category A.

General Mewburn said that the intention of the Government was to have the various registrars under the Military Service Act send out notices to report to men of 20 and 22 who were in Category A. Naturally, the Government was anxious to get men who were medically fit. The others would not be asked to report in the meantime. Later, if conditions became worse, it might be considered necessary to order medical re-examination of men in lower categories.

Special provisions are made for excusing men whose families have already contributed sons to the actual theatre of war, and for temporarily releasing farmers whose presence is essential during the summer, but the latter must be on the certificates of a department of agriculture representative, one of whom will act in each military district.

Those claiming leave on agricultural grounds will be granted leave of absence without pay, only if they fulfill the conditions as to family service overseas, which would entitle other applicants to leave. If the claim is based on any other grounds it will not be considered, and the men will be utilized according to category, unless in E class (totally unfit) when they will be discharged.

To Take Over All Wool.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, April 25.—The Government will take over all wool in warehouses at prices prevailing on July 30th last. The wool now being clipped in the west will be taken. If the holders do not agree, the wool will be commandeered.

Chain of Five Cent Stores.

Toronto, April 25.—The S. S. Kresge Company, head offices in Detroit and having a big chain of 5, 10 and 15 cent stores in the United States, are planning to invade Canada. The company is capitalized at fifteen million dollars.

YOU'D BETTER REGISTER

Any person failing to register on the day set apart by the Dominion Government for the registration of everyone between 16 and 60 will expose himself to serious penalties and disabilities. He may be fined or imprisoned, or at the discretion of the court he may be both fined and sentenced to imprisonment. He will forfeit any right he might otherwise have had to vote at a Dominion election. He will be disqualified to receive any wages or salary, to obtain board or lodging at any hotel, restaurant or boarding house, or to purchase a ticket for or travel upon any railroad or steamboat. Any employer knowing him to be unregistered, who pays him any salary or wages, will thereby expose himself to the same penalties which the defaulter has incurred through failure to register. Any person knowing him to be unregistered, or any conductor, captain, purser or other officer, who, knowing him to be unregistered, permits him to proceed upon a journey, will thereby render himself liable to heavy penalties.

ENEMY ATTACKS BEING REPULSED

The Germans Are Not Using as Heavily-Massed Forces as Before.

THE BRITISH LOSE VILLERS BRETONNEUX FARM—FRENCH ARE DEFENDING HANGARD—THE BATTLE CONTINUES.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, April 25.—The Associated Press summary says to-day: British, French and American troops on a twenty-mile front in Picardy are withstanding renewed German efforts to reach Amiens. Battling furiously and with the help of heavy artillery fire, the enemy infantry has gained but little and on most of the front his attempts are being repulsed by the Allies. Apparently the Germans did not resume the offensive with as heavily massed forces as were used in the previous battles in Picardy and last week in Flanders. Probably they are counting on artillery to blast a way for smaller bodies of troops, their losses since March 25th in massed assaults having necessitated economy in man-power.

It is not yet clear whether the renewal of the fighting east of Amiens means another, desperate attempt to reach that city or whether the Germans are carrying out attacks on a large front in an endeavor to straighten out their line. The German positions from Albert south to Montdidier have several small and dangerous salients in them and the enemy may desire to wipe them out.

There have been some increases also in the fighting activity in Flanders, especially at the apex of the new enemy salient.

The Germans have captured Villers Bretonneux from the British. The enemy brought their first tanks into action.

The battle continues around Hangard and French troops are desperately defending the village.

German Capture Hangard.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, April 25.—The Germans have captured the village of Hangard on the front south-east of Amiens, the War Office announces to-day. The battle continued with violence throughout the night in the sector. The French lost Hangard, recaptured it and finally were again forced out of the town, but are holding the ground immediately around it. The official statement says: The battle continued with violence around the village of Hangard, on which the Germans concentrated their efforts during the night. The French troops resisted valiantly and counter-attacked several times with success. The village was lost, then retaken by the French and finally

remained in the hands of the Germans at the cost of heavy losses. The French are holding the immediate outskirts of Hangard and the Germans have not been able to debouch from the town in spite of repeated efforts.

"On both banks of the Avre the artillery fighting continues with violence. The French made several successful raids, especially west of Lessigny, south of Coucy-le-Chateau and in Lorraine. We took a certain number of prisoners.

British Repulsed Attacks.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—Three heavy attacks made by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it is announced officially. On the Flanders front late yesterday, the Germans attacked French positions north-east of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning after an intense bombardment they renewed their attacks in this sector and against British positions further east. British regained ground around Villers Bretonneux by counter-attacks and took prisoners.

Severe fighting was in progress all night in and around Villers Bretonneux, and still continues. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy there. At the Bailleul sector the battle is continuing over a wide front.

War Tidings.

The Berlin War Office claims that forty men who landed in the naval raid on Bruges were either killed or captured.

A bombing German triplane was brought down near Paris on Tuesday night. One officer and a machine gunner were captured.

ALLIES CONFIDENT OF BEATING ENEMY

Premier Clemenceau Gives An Encouraging Statement to the Parisians.

Paris, April 25.—Premier Clemenceau in talking with an editor of Liberte told of his trip along the whole British and French fighting fronts, from which he had just returned.

"The impression of absolute confidence which I brought back with me," he said, "makes me forget the fatigue of such a long excursion. The soldiers and officers everywhere are magnificent; and the British army, notwithstanding the immense effort it is making, is an admirable spectacle.

"To see the men covered with mud come to attention when they learned that I was there, regardless of their extreme fatigue, was a sight worth seeing. I had to hold improvised reviews all along the roads.

"The relations between the French and British regiments are excellent, both as regards the command and the men. The armies on the western front materially and morally have never been in such good form. What has most raised the confidence of the French soldiers is the conviction from their own knowledge of how terribly efficacious has been their rifle fire.

"Where will the enemy make his attack? Towards the north; towards the sea, where the Belgians have just shown their valor? Towards the Oise or against Amiens? The last objective will perhaps tempt him again, but we everywhere are ready."

DUTCH AND GERMAN MINISTERS HAVE LEFT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Amsterdam, April 25.—The Dutch Minister to Berlin has left for the Hague and the German Minister to the Netherlands has left for Berlin.

BOTALISM, NEW DISEASE, APPEARS IN LONDON

Develops After Eating Tinned Foods, and of Eleven Cases Treated Six Proved Fatal.

London, April 25.—Details of what is believed to be a new form of disease were given at an inquest held at Lambeth yesterday. It is reported that there have been several cases in South London. The doctor, in his evidence, stated that the patient had suffered from botulism, which was discovered in Germany before the war. The disease developed after eating ham, sausages, tinned foods and cheese and was traceable to obscure bacillus that attacked the central nervous system at the base of the brain. The most significant symptom is paralysis of the upper eye-lids. The patient was apparently in a deep sleep, although he answered when spoken to. The disease is generally fatal, but not necessarily so. A hospital doctor said 11 cases had been treated of which six proved fatal. The symptoms are somewhat similar to cerebral meningitis. Through cooking is the only safeguard.

Commissioner Wilgress Safe.

Toronto, April 25.—A. T. Wilgress, King's Printer for the Ontario Government, has received word that his cousin, L. D. Wilgress, who was reported to be missing in Russia after the riots there, is safe and on his way home.

Zeebrugge Mole Broken.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—Aircraft report a break of twenty yards in Zeebrugge mole at its inner end as the result of the British navy attack of Monday.

1,157 QUEEN'S MEN ENLISTED

For Service in the War Up Till 24th of April.

THE FIGURES ANNOUNCED

BY PRINCIPAL BRUCE TAYLOR AT CONVOCATION.

Ninety-eight Queen's Men Have Died In Service—Seventy-two Decorations Bestowed on Graduates and Undergraduates.

An interesting story of the part Queen's University is playing in the war, in the way of giving men, and the honors which have been bestowed upon men from the University for gallant work on the field of battle, was given by Principal Bruce Taylor, in some statistics he presented at Convocation proceedings on Wednesday afternoon.

The total enlistments of Queen's men up till April 24th, of this year, was given as 1,157, made up as follows:

Arts, undergraduates, 264; graduates, 164; science, undergraduates, 174; graduates, 147; medicine, undergraduates, 170; graduates, 164; banking courses, 74; total, 1,157.

Undergraduates include all those of the 1914-15 and later years. Graduates are those of 1914 and earlier.

There were 98 Queen's men killed or died while on active service. Military honors were bestowed as follows: C.M.G., 2; D.S.O., 8; military cross, 45; D.C.M., 7; M.M., 9; D.S.C., 1; total, 72.

COMPLAIN ABOUT PENSION SYSTEM

Soldiers Should Not Suffer Because of Inefficiency of Medical Officers.

Ottawa, April 25.—Complaints of returned soldiers, regarding the administration of the Board of Pension Commissioners, were aired yesterday before a special committee appointed by the House to enquire into the report of the commissioners.

N. Knight represented the Great War Veterans' Associations and declared that men who had passed all medical examinations in Canada and England before proceeding to the front, should be assumed fit. It happened in many cases that a man, in applying for a pension, was found to have some disease or physical infirmity which the medical board decided prevailed before enlistment. In such a case Mr. Knight maintained that the man had been at the front and it was only fair that it should be assumed he was fit and that any disability or injury resulted from participation in the war.

Mr. Knight expressed the opinion that a relative of a soldier who becomes a foster father or mother, should receive the pension ordinarily afforded the parent.

Kenneth Archibald, the legal adviser of the Board of Pension Commissioners, answered that the soldiers' civil re-establishment department in the case of soldiers treated in civil establishments, should pay them an allowance, instead of a pension, until they are discharged. He suggested an allowance slightly larger than the pay and gratuation allowance, because the patients would not have the benefit of the Patriotic fund.

Retail Meat Prices Up.

Winnipeg, April 25.—Beef went up wholesale, from 2 to 2c a pound recently, and fresh and cured pork advanced 1 1/2c. Sirloin steak is now listed at 35c, while porterhouse is selling from 38 to 40c a pound. A number of local butchers interviewed on the matter were of the opinion that the packers were unduly advancing the price of dressed beef, which are not in keeping with live weight prices.

Divided Views In The Cabinet.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 25.—A division of views has prevented the cabinet committee, appointed to draft a Home Rule Bill for Ireland, from elaborating a definite scheme as speedily as was hoped, the Yorkshire Post says certain members of the committee are standing for recognition of Ulster's position. Meanwhile, the federal plan is being discussed widely. Unionists generally regard it as desirable in any scheme of federalism, that Ulster should be included as a unit.