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THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1918

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GERMAN ADVANCE REPORTED FROM WYTSCHAETE TO ST. ELOI THE BRITISH POSITIONS BEFORE YPRES ARE WITHDRAWN Meteren, on North Front, Has Been Retaken From Foe

BURIAN IS SUCCESSOR TO CZERNIN

Austrian Minister of Finance Now Becomes Foreign Minister Also

HELD POST BEFORE Czernin's Retirement Resented in Certain Austro-German Circles

OPINION IS DIVIDED

Amsterdam, April 17.—Baron Burian has been appointed Austro-Hungarian foreign minister in succession to Count Czernin, according to a Vienna dispatch.

Baron Burian, in taking the foreign ministry, retains his portfolio as minister of finance.

Basel, Switzerland, April 17.—The tone of the Austrian and German press indicates that a profound impression has been made by the resignation of Count Czernin.

The Hittig Zeitung of Vienna says Count Czernin's fall was due in part to lack of agreement with the Emperor in regard to Poland and to his attacks on the Czechs.

The same elements which deplore the fall of Count Czernin are beginning to attack the German foreign minister, Dr. von Kuehlmann, on the pretext that he did not protect Germany's economic interests sufficiently in the treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

COURT CHIEF DISMISSED London, April 17.—Prince von Hohenzollern, chief of court to Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, has been discharged, according to an exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen.

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The U.S. Navy Department reports the death of John Parker Hawthorne, seaman, second class, United States Naval Reserve Force, who fell overboard from the U.S.S. Rutoma, S.P. No. 78, on March 25.

WEATHER BULLETIN ypb-dri bo dy u Toronto, April 17.—The north-west low area has moved but little since yesterday.

FORECASTS Southeastern winds, unsettled with showers and local thunderstorms to-day and on Thursday.

REPEATED GERMAN ATTACKS NORTH OF BAILLEUL REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES TO ENEMY

By Courier Leased Wire London, April 17.—According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Paris, the Germans have advanced from Wyttschaete as far as St. Eloi, and also have a grip on the southern slopes of Mount Kemmel.

METEREN TAKEN London, April 17.—The British have recaptured Meteren, on the northern battle front, by a counter-attack, it is announced officially.

Paris, April 17.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the principal battle front between the Somme and the Oise, the War Office reports. The statement follows: "On the front between the Somme and the Oise there was great activity of the artillery on both sides and patrol encounters occurred."

BULLETIN, London, April 17.—The British at dusk on Tuesday, British headquarters in France holding the ground which they were advancing in the neighborhood of Wyttschaete, south of Ypres, and were reported again to be

Among the numerous enemy attacks Tuesday afternoon and evening on the northern front in Flanders, one in great force in the Zillebeke sector was disastrous for the Germans whose waves were shot down at close range.

THE WAR SITUATION IN REVIEW

Having taken Bailleul and Wyttschaete the Germans are holding vigorously to gain points on the high ground south and southwest of Ypres.

In capturing Wyttschaete and the height of Spanbroekmolen to the southwest the Germans drove the British from the high ground at the southern tip of the Messines-Passchendaele ridge, which extends for 14 miles from Wulverghem to Passchendaele in a northeasterly direction.

SITUATION SERIOUS. The situation, it is admitted in London, is more serious than at any time since the German drive in the north began.

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GOVERNMENT MUST PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY

Framing of Home Rule Bill for Ireland Fraught With Difficulties

London, April 17.—The Irish Nationalist members of parliament, having fought conscription to the last in the House of Commons are now leaving for Dublin to formulate plans for resisting it.

London, April 17.—A lengthy meeting of the Unionist war committee, which was attended by 127 members, was held in the House of Commons last night to consider the question of home rule in Ireland and the issue after this meeting merely said:

According to the Daily Telegraph, Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, spoke in the interest of Ulster while the other members urged that every effort should be made to secure a settlement of the home rule question, even at the sacrifice of long cherished principles.

A WARNING Dublin, April 17.—The most Rev. J. Walsh, archbishop and primate of Dublin, in a public letter, refers to the many vague declarations now flooding the country regarding conscription in Ireland, but affording no intelligible indication of what it is advisable to do.

MUST GAIN MORE To wipe out the Ypres salient the Germans must gain more of the long ridge and must cut the railroad from Hazebrouck to Ypres, which is one of the main supply lines to the British lines east and northeast of Ypres.

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BRITISH MAY YET HAVE TO EVACUATE YPRES AND PASSCHENDAELE

Seriousness of Loss of Bailleul is Not Minimized; May Lead to a Further Retirement in Order That Troops May Not Be Forced to Surrender

London, April 17.—There is no inclination here to minimize the seriousness of the loss of Bailleul and the possibility that it may lead to the necessity of evacuating Ypres and Passchendaele.

The Daily Graphic thinks it would be wise to withdraw the British troops from Ypres and Passchendaele "to avoid the risk of their being cut off and compelled to surrender."

Correspondents on the front say the Germans have used up 120 of their 200 divisions in the west and have been able to bring another two divisions from Russia.

"We hear far too much of the enemy's losses, mistakes, difficulties and of their failure to reach appointed objectives on particular days and not half enough about the serious fact that they are still bringing fresh divisions from Russia."

LLOYD GEORGE IN DEFENSE London, April 17.—In defending the man power bill in the House of Commons yesterday, Premier Lloyd George declared that no fair analogy could be drawn between the application of the present bill to Ireland and the attempt to tax the American colonies against their will because in the latter case it was a matter of taxation without representation and further no measure of self-government was claimed by any responsible body representing Ireland in the House of Commons.

Regarding the claim that Irish consent should be obtained, the same argument, he said, could be applied to Wales or Scotland. He added that both conscription and the home rule bill must be taken on their merits.

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ALL STAND TOGETHER

London, April 17.—In concluding his address to the Commons yesterday on the Western front situation, Lloyd George said: "The Germans have inflicted I am sorry to say, heavy losses, but nothing to the losses they sustained. The French army is fastidiously not giving way to fear or panic, prepared to give and take in all measures—if all parties in Great Britain and Ireland stand together, Irishmen of Ireland fighting with British troops; if we do that we will win through in the end."

SCENES IN BAILLEUL, NOW OCCUPIED BY THE GERMANS. The above scenes show some of the most interesting spots in the town of Bailleul, which is now occupied by the Germans after some of the most sanguinary fighting of the war. The top picture at the left is a reproduction of the Saint-Waast Church and Fountain. At the right is Ypres street on a market day, while the centre picture shows the castle of M. Brunel, the Mayor.

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