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Apr.	11.	Battle of the Lys; Germans capture Merville and
1		Messines; British evacuate Nieppe. Sir Douglas
		Haig's appeal to his troops. Emperor Charles's
		letter to Prince Sixtus de Bourbon published, in which he acknowledges France's claim to Alsace-
		Lorraine.

- Apr. 12. Battle of the Lys; British line further driven in. Air raids on Paris, London, and the east coast of England.
- Apr. 13. Battle of the Lys; struggles for possession of Neuve Église. German occupation of Helsingfors.

Apr. 14. Germans capture Neuve Église. Resignation of Count Czernin, Austrian prime minister.

- Apr. 15. German occupation of Bailleul; British begin evacuation of Ypres salient. Ten German trawlers sunk in the Cattegat. Turks recapture Batum.
- Apr. 16. Wytschaete and Spanbrockmolen captured by the Germans; Méteren lost and retaken by the French. Third reading of British Military Service Bill. Execution of Bolo Pacha.
- Apr. 17. Von Arnim's assault on Kemmel repulsed.
- Apr. 18. Von Quast's thrust between Merville and Givenchy parried. British Military Service Bill passed into law. Viscount Milner succeeds Earl Derby as Secretary of War. Tisza succeeds Wekerle as Hungarian premier.
- Apr. 19. Americans, attacked at Seichepray, near Toul, inflict heavy losses.
- Apr. 21. Van, Turkish Armenia, captured by Armenians.

Apr. 22. Guatemala declares war on Germany.

- Apr. 23. British naval exploit; Zeebrugge and Bruges Canal blocked by sinking of old cruisers loaded with cement. Villers-Bretonneux captured by the Germans.
- Apr. 24. Brilliant Australian counter-attack at Villers-Bretonneux.
- Apr. 25. Kemmel village and hill captured by the Germans.
- Apr. 26. Fluctuating battle for Kemmel village and Locre.
  - Apr. 27. Germans capture Voormezeele, but are driven out by counter-attack. Kifri, Mesopotamia, occupied by the British. Kars captured by the Turks. German Government decrees three meatless days a week.
  - Apr. 28. British liner Orissa torpedoed in English waters. Apr. 29. Locre changes hands three times; Germans repulsed