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GERMAN LINES BREAKING UNDER REPEATED ASSAULTS

Sir John French Determined to Recapture St. Julien—Offensive Passes to the Allies—French Armored Cruiser Torpedoed and Sunk—Both Sides of the Dardanelles Occupied by the Allies—French Taken Many German Prisoners.

CABLE FROM COLONEL CURRIE.

TORONTO, April 28.—Delayed 3 days the unflinching weekly cablegram from Col. J. A. Currie in command of the 48th Highlanders whom rumor had made prisoners was received at ten this morning by Mrs. Currie; the cable read "I am safe." This cable was sent from Hazebrouck and dated April 28. Hazebrouck is about twenty miles southwest of Ypres, and the big battle was fought just north of Ypres. This would dispose of the theory that the 48th Highlanders were at St. Mihiel, 150 miles distant from Langemarck. This theory was advanced on the strength of a cable received from Col. Currie telling of the death of Capt. Warren at "Michael" which was interpreted as "St. Mihiel." Hazebrouck is back of the Canadian line of trenches, and it is possible that the 48th Highlanders are at present there in reserve.

FINE WORK BY ALLIES NORTH OF YPRES.

PARIS, April 28.—The French War Office today issued the following official statement: "To the north of Ypres we have continued to make progress, this is particularly so on our left where we took machine guns two bomb throwers, and much war material, at the same time making several hundred prisoners including a number of officers. The losses of the enemy were heavy; at a single point on the front not far from the canal, we counted six hundred bodies of German soldiers. "On the heights of the Meuse, along the front of Les Eparges, Saint Remy, and the trenches at Catonne, we continued to gain ground advancing about one kilometre (two-thirds of a mile) inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy and destroying a German battery."

FRENCH CRUISER TORPEDOED AND SUNK.

PARIS, April 28.—The French Minister of Marine announces the French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta, 12,352 tons, was torpedoed and sunk presumably by an Austrian submarine in the Adriatic off Otranto Monday; it is not known as yet how many of the crew were drowned but the ministry believes some were saved. The Gambetta was built at Brest in 1911, was 476 feet long, had a draught of 26.9 feet and a displacement of 12,352 tons. She carried a crew of 725 men and had a speed of 23 knots. Her armament consisted of four 7.6 inch, sixteen 4.5 guns, twenty-four 3 pounders and two submerged torpedo tubes.

GERMAN COINAGE DEPRECIATES IN VALUE.

GENEVA, April 28.—The value of the German mark continues to fall and the Swiss Postal Orders will be cashed on the basis of 110 centimes to the mark, a depreciation of 12 per cent.

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S DETERMINED ACTION.

LONDON, April 28.—It is reported here the offensive in France and Belgium has now passed into the hands of the Allies. Advances from several points today show that despite the strength of the German line it is breaking under repeated assaults at certain points. The weight of the Allies combined forces in northern France is being thrown against the Germans new line around St. Julien which Sir John French has determined must be recaptured.

ALLIED FORCES ADVANCE ON BOTH SIDES OF DARDANELLES.

LONDON, April 28.—A joint War Office and Admiralty statement issued last night on the Dardanelles operations, says: "After days of hard fighting in a difficult country the troops landed on Gallipoli peninsula are thoroughly making good their footing with the effective help of the navy. The French have taken 500 prisoners."

The statement appends the following which, it says, is officially published at Cairo:

"The allied forces under Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton have effected a landing on both sides of the Dardanelles under excellent conditions. Many prisoners have been taken and our forces are continuing their advance."

PARIS, April 28.—French troops have occupied the village of Kumkaleh, on the Asiatic side of the entrance to the Dardanelles.

This announcement was made officially last night: "During the disembarkation Sunday of the allied forces at the Dardanelles, French troops, comprising infantry and artillery had been designated particularly for operations at Kumkaleh, on the Asiatic side. This mission was completely and successfully fulfilled."

"Aided by the cannon of the French fleet and under the fire of our enemy, our troops succeeded in occupying the village, and have continued its occupancy, despite seven counter-attacks at night, supported by heavy artillery."

"We took five hundred prisoners, and the losses to the enemy appear to have been considerable."

"The general disembarkation of the allied forces continued under good conditions."

Swedish Steamer Seized by Germans

MALMO, Sweden, April 28.—The Swedish steamer Louise bound from England for Sweden with coal, has been stopped off Falsterbo by German torpedo boats and taken into Swinemunde.

Russian Aeroplane Destroyed at Czobos

LONDON, April 28.—A despatch to Reuters's Telegram Co. from Budapest says that a Russian aeroplane of the Sikorsky type has been shot down by heavy artillery near Czobos and that three of its occupants were killed.

Canadians Are Still Fighting Desperately

LONDON, April 28.—According to reports received in London down to the early hours this morning, the Canadians are still fighting desperately over a battle line extending over five miles from Pilken as far as the Furnes-Ypres Canal.

In conjunction with a number of British regiments they have taken a vigorous offensive to the north of Ypres, and are reported to have made good progress.

German Arms Works Shelled

LONDON, April 28.—Aircraftmen dropped bombs on the German arms factory at Oberdorf, in Wurtemberg, and, although shelled from machine guns, the biplane returned in safety. Much damage was done to the factory, despite the German claim that the operation of the factory was not disturbed. The enemy also claim that six civilians were killed and seven severely injured by splinters.

It is officially announced from Melbourne that a British warship has captured the German trading steamer Elfride, which is believed to have been the last German ship free in the Pacific.

The steamer Centric, on her way from Stockholm to Helsingfors, Sweden, has been sunk by a mine off the Aland Islands. The members of the vessel's crew were saved.

The Grimsby trawler Recoilo has been blown up in the North Sea. Seven survivors, some of them terribly mutilated, were picked up out of a crew of nine. The engineer went down with the ship. One of the injured men died.

A Four-Year War?

London, April 28.—A telegram to The Evening News from Copenhagen quotes the German Counsellor of State, Herr Gottschalk, as saying that systematic efforts were being inaugurated in Germany for the purchase of sufficient foodstuffs for a four years' supply. This is being done, it is said, on instructions to the German Chamber of Commerce from Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, on the ground that Germany "must be prepared for at least this length."

Herr Gottschalk is on his way to Sweden and Norway to organize a system for making these purchases.

Postmasters Give Wrong Interpretation

Several postmasters in both Hastings and Prince Edward Counties have been causing a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience to The Ontario and Bay of Quinte Chronicle by a careless and incorrect interpretation of the new postal regulations. A number of budgets of correspondence, unsealed and with "Printer's Copy" plainly printed on the wrapper have been sent to the Dead Letter Office. In a large number of other cases the postmaster or mail carrier has improperly demanded an extra charge from the correspondent.

If the postmasters and others who have been exceeding their powers would take the trouble to consult the regulations they would see that what was wrong. The postal rate does not apply to "Printer's Copy" or manuscripts but to mail of the First Class only. The rate for manuscript is the same as before— one cent for every two ounces or fraction thereof.

We shall be obliged to take up any further cases of wrong interpretation of this rule with the Post Office Department at Ottawa.

2ND BATTALION IN THE THICK OF THE FIGHT

Many Officers Struck Down—News of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men Anxiously Awaited Here.

The Second Battalion, in which the Belleville and Hastings boys are, was in the thick of the awful battle last week at Langemarck. Today's casualty list contains the names of five officers killed, six wounded, two missing, two missing and missing and one corporal wounded and missing. Besides the casualties reported previously there is now little hope that the 15th and 48th boys who left here in August, were not in the action. The casualties among the N.C.O.'s and privates will be awaited with deepest concern by relatives, many of whom are worn out with care and anxiety.

News of the part played by the 18 pound battery, C.F.A., which left here in August is awaited by friends of the brave men at the front.

The Second Battalion's losses were:

KILLED

Welman, Lieut. Otis, Ottawa
Richardson, Lieut. G. T., Kingston
Hooper, Capt. W.H.B., Carleton Place
Sullivan, Lieut. E. C., Ottawa
Stirling, Lieut. R. A., Quebec
McLurg, Lieut. J. E., Sault Ste Marie

WOUNDED AND MISSING

Bolster, Major G. W., Cobourg
Scott, Lieut. C. R., Perth
Waddy, Capt. Baruck A., seriously.
Next of kin in England

Lieut. George Richardson, of Kingston, reported wounded in a well-known hockey player and at one time counted upon as the best left wing in the game, amateur or professional. He played for Queen's and Kingston Frontenacs. He is the son of James Richardson, the grain broker and ship-owner of Kingston, and is well known in Belleville.

Lieut. Doxsee, one of the fallen officers, was a veteran of the Boer war. He was a military man of great enthusiasm. He was ex-Mayor of Campbellford and was slightly wounded about two months ago, returning to the trenches as soon as released from the hospital. He was a cousin of Mr. Earl Doxsee, of this city, now with the artillery at the front and of Mrs. Harry L. Wallace of Belleville.

Lieut. Ern. Wallace Goes to France

Lieut. Harry L. Wallace yesterday received a cablegram from his brother, Lieut. E. D. Wallace, formerly of 34th Regiment who has been at Shorncliffe for several months. The cable advised that he was not to be sent mail until later advice from France. Apparently Lieut. Wallace has gone to the front with reinforcements.

Married.

MIRECKEL — PHELPS — On Tuesday, April 27th, 1915, in Long Beach, California, by the Rev. A. Mitchell, Edith S. Phelps, formerly of Belleville, to Watson Mireckel, of Riverside, California.

Lieut. A. D. Haper, who recently acquired the lieutenantcy is attending the school.

MARMORA BIG LOSS BY FIRE

From The Herald we gather the following additional particulars in regard to Marmora's heavy loss by fire in the burning of their public school. Another serious fire occurred yesterday afternoon, resulting in the destruction of Marmora's fine eight-room school. The alarm was sounded about 2 p.m. and a crowd quickly gathered, but nothing could be done to prevent the spread of the flames. It is not known how the fire started, but it was in the basement. There was no fire in the furnace at the time and when first discovered by one of the younger pupils a pile of edgings was in flames.

He ran up and notified Mr. Hatz, Principal of the school, who after a hasty investigation, sounded the fire gong. He then went to his room and told the pupils he guessed they would have a little fire drill and all marched out in perfect order, almost before they realized what was wrong. The other rooms were quickly vacated, but not without a good deal of excitement amongst the younger pupils. Most of them left their books and some their coats and hats.

The fire burned slowly in its early stages and it was aggravating to have to stand back and see it burn without any possibility of checking the blaze. Dense volumes of heavy black smoke poured from the windows and doors. Once the flames got into the main part of the building it spread rapidly and the floors, doors, window frames and every particle of woodwork was soon a mass of flames. Once the roof caught, chimneys were carried to the west and north and a lot of other places were threatened.

The Methodist church and sheds and stable had their roofs started several times. St. Paul's church also had a narrow escape and all the houses on both sides of the street were only saved by hard work. The white hall was also on fire in several places and the houses occupied by Mr. W. H. Hubbel and Mr. Tom Brock also caught fire, but fortunately all were extinguished before any serious damage was done.

The value of the building, together with furniture and equipment would be about \$15,000 and there is \$7,500 insurance. It may be possible a considerable part of the brick may be used again which will reduce the loss to a considerable extent.

3rd and 4th Contingents to be Mobilized at Once

Training Camps in Ontario Will be at Kingston, Niagara and London

Ottawa, April 26th.—An important announcement was made at noon today by Maj.-Gen. Hughes that the third and fourth Canadian contingents will be mobilized at the earliest possible moment. Training at different divisional points in the various provinces will now proceed to camps for additional training. In Ontario the camps will be at Kingston, Niagara and London.

West Durham Has Been Made Dry

Whatever strength of character the New License Commission may show in performance of public duty we are glad to know that the members of West Durham License Board have shown that they have courage to act on their convictions in refusing to renew the only existing license in the riding. The Board is composed of Messrs. T. H. Spry, Bowmanville; J. J. Virtue, Enniskillen, and I. T. Chapman, Kirby. We are sure all good citizens will join in the acclaim "All honor to those men for their good sense!" It is to be hoped that the county work will now proceed to legalize the sale of intoxicating liquor in a bar-room in West Durham. April 29 may this riding forever continue dry.—Bowmanville Statesman.

A German Suspect Arrested at Napanee

Carl Kessler, thirty-five years of age, a German subject, was arrested at Napanee on Sunday by order of Col. T. D. R. Hemming, Kingston. To the police here he told a long rambling story of his having a farm in the west, and that he was married and his wife would not stay with him; also that he had worked at Sharbot Lake and that he was a shoemaker, and admitted that he had joined the Mounted Rifles from Kingston just recently. He said that he was discharged, came to Napanee on April 9th, and applied to Lieut. G. P. Reiffenstein to join the Fourth Contingent. He was passed, but nothing was seen of him since the 10th until Saturday, and he could not give any satisfactory account of his absence. His actions were suspicious, and upon information from Kingston he was placed under arrest by the local police and was taken to Kingston by Lieut. G. Stratton for examination.—Beaver.

Mr. Chas. Whytock of Madoc is in the city attending court.

BELLEVILLE BOYS WERE IN THE MIDST OF THE FIGHTING

Only Three of the Six Officers Escaped.

It is apparent from today's casualty list that the Belleville and Hastings County boys were in the thick of the terrific fighting at Langemarck the past few days. Of the six officers of the company in which the Belleville boys are mustered, one, Major H. G. Bolster of Cobourg, is reported wounded and missing. Two others, Capt. W. G. V. Hooper, Carleton Place, and Lieut. McLennan of Ottawa have been reported wounded. The remaining officers of the company are Capt. E. D. O'Flynn and Lieut. R. D. Ponton, Belleville, and Lieut. Ackerman of Ottawa.

Fifty per cent. losses among the officers tells its own story of the desperate nature of the present contest.

Last night's despatches spoke in glowing terms of the gallant conduct of the Second Battalion in which the boys from Belleville and Hastings County are enrolled. The story of the charges they made, the correspondent stated, would go down in history.

RECKONING TIME COMING ASQUITH GIVES ASSURANCE.

LONDON, April 28.—Speaking in the debate on the treatment of British prisoners in Germany, Premier Asquith said: "It is a horrible story from every point of view—one of the blackest spots on even German methods of war. My object in rising is to say, with all the emphasis and all deliberation, that we shall not forget, and we ought not to forget, this horrible record of calculated cruelty and crime."

"We shall, at the end of this war, hold it to be our duty to exact such reparation against those who are proved to be guilty agents in this matter as it may be possible for us to inflict. I do not think we would be doing our duty, either to those brave, unfortunate men, or to the honor of our country, or to the plain dictates of humanity, if we should be content with anything less than that."

INNER DARDANELLES FORTS DAMAGED BY FLEET.

LONDON, April 28.—The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent telegraphing Monday, says:

"The bombardment of the interior forts of the Dardanelles, which began Sunday, continued today and resulted in heavy damage to the forts. It is reported that the forts on the coast near Smyrna also were bombarded, but this report has not been confirmed."

GREAT MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, April 28.—Brigadier-General Hodgins, adjutant-general of the Canadian militia, last night issued orders for a public service in commemoration of those Canadians who have recently fallen in battle. The service will be held Thursday morning, April 29, at 10.30 on Parliament Hill. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and suite will attend, as well as members of the Ottawa garrison, overseas troops in training in the capital, members of the cabinet and the general public. The troops will march past the Duke of Connaught after the service.

CANADIANS WERE POISONED.

LONDON, April 28.—The British War Office, in a statement last night supplementing its previous charges that the Germans in their fighting are using noxious gases, says:

"Medical evidence shows that Canadian soldiers have lost their lives in the recent fighting, not from wounds, but from poisoning by gases employed by the enemy."

DIED SUDDENLY OF PNEUMONIA

Death of Dr. Jno. W. Corrigan, a Former Hastings County Boy.

Dr. Jno. W. Corrigan, of Limerick, Sask., passed away on Monday, April 12th at the hospital at Weyburn, Sask., after only a few days' illness from pneumonia. He is survived by a wife and infant child. He is also survived by his father, David R. Corrigan of Loverso, Sask., and one sister, Mrs. Bert Clark of the same place.

Dr. Corrigan was a native of this county and was born in the township of Huntingdon about 39 years ago. He was educated for the teaching profession at Stirling High School, and Ottawa Normal School. For several years he taught school with great success. He was principal of schools at Mount Zion, White Lake, and Philipston, and later, taught for a time in Saskatchewan. He retired from the teaching profession to become a student of medicine at Trinity University, Toronto, whence he graduated "after an unusually brilliant course five years ago. He then decided to go to the North West to begin a practice and finally located at Limerick where his skill and success were making for him a fine reputation and marked him as one of the rising medical men of the province."

He many friends in this county will learn of his untimely demise with the deepest sorrow. He went into all his undertakings with the utmost enthusiasm and determination to succeed. By his own unaided efforts he worked his way through college and was practically at the beginning of a very promising career. To the grief-stricken relatives and friends, The Ontario tenders its sincere sympathy.

How to Grow Vegetables

A popular bulletin on "Vegetable Growing," No. 231, by S. C. Johnston, B.S.A., has been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Both back-yard gardening for the urbanite, and the farmer's garden, receive special treatment, and the instructions given are in the main simple enough for the comprehension of a schoolboy. A list of the best varieties of vegetables for home growing is given, together with a very useful planting calendar, and illustrations of the implements needed for garden work are given. The making and controlling of hot-beds and cold-frames are also fully described. In fact, all that an amateur vegetable grower should know is told. The bulletin may be had free upon application.

Strawberries in Bloom

This morning Mr. Irvine Unger, W. Bridge Street showed us some blossoms from strawberry plants out in full bloom. This is but another evidence of the remarkable earliness of the present spring.

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