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Report Says French Wrest 40 Miles of Line; Kill, Wound Or Capture Nearly 100,000

Smashing Attack Brings Great Victory To Nivelle's Gallant Men

Battle Line Now 150 Miles Long—Artillery Curtain in New Plan Most Effective—Germans Fail in Counter Attacks—British Make Gains in Vicinity of Cambrai

Paris, April 16—Germany suffered another crushing blow upon the western front today when forty miles of the strongest part of her line were wrested from her with an estimated loss of nearly 100,000 killed, wounded and prisoners.

Measured by the amount of territory freed, the victory does not compare with the Somme offensive which opened a month ago, but viewed from the amount of destruction done to the enemy's armed forces and the damage to his military prestige, it is a far greater success.

From Soissons to Craonne the German line runs along a series of hills of an average height of 500 feet with deep valleys between. The attackers advanced up the valleys under a cross-fire from each flank, but the artillery curtain on a new plan invented by a British general was so effective that the operation was carried out at less cost than might be expected.

BATTLE LINE NOW 150 MILES LONG

The weak point of the German line is from Craonne to Rheims, where the ground is more level. Here the attackers made more progress, and the danger of a rupture of the line became so imminent that the Germans threw in all available reserves. The reserves were smashed by the French field artillery, which kept close on the heels of the waves of infantry.

COUNTER-ATTACKS FAIL

Paris, April 17—German counter-attacks in force in the region of Ailles and Courcy were repulsed last night by the French, according to an official statement issued by the French war office.

The statement follows:—"North and south of the Oise there was intermittent artillery fighting. Our patrols brought back prisoners.

"Between Soissons and Rheims outposts are organizing the positions captured. In the region of Ailles, a strong German counter-attack on our new lines was broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire, which inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

"Other German counter-attacks in the sector of Courcy also were broken up. The weather continues to be very bad over the whole front.

"In the Champagne the night was marked by more active artillery fighting west of Auberive. Everywhere else the night was calm.

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ON TOWARDS CAMBRAI London, April 17—The British made a further advance in the neighborhood of Epehy last night, according to an official statement issued by the war office.

The British gain was effected east of the Peronne-Cambrai railroad at a point about half way between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

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MANKS-SMALLEY. The Central Baptist church was the scene of an interesting event at one o'clock this afternoon when Sergeant-Major Archer Francis Manks was united in marriage to Miss Clara Ball Smalley of this city.

The bride was attended by her mother, Mrs. Manks, who is a member of the divisional staff of the C. A. S. C. The bride was unattended. She wore a traveling costume of brown and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. D. J. Macpherson, the pastor of the church, Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Manks left on the two o'clock express for Halifax, where they expect to reside until the close of the war.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Terrence McMurray took place this morning from his late residence in Chesley street, to St. Peter's church, where he is a member of the church, was celebrated by Rev. F. Coughlan, C. S. R., assisted by Rev. H. L. McDougald, C. S. R., as deacon and Rev. P. Gallagher as sub-deacon. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

BLOCKED LINE FOR TIME The Boston train was about an hour late today in arriving in the city, owing to the fact that a freight car went off the track at Fairville station and blocked the main line.

LONDON BELIEVES AUSTRIA WOULD BREAK FROM ALLY TO GET PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Vienna's Offer Regarded With Some Seriousness in Empire Capital—Would Leave Germany to Fight Single Handed

London, April 17.—(New York Sun)—Vienna's offer of a separate peace to Russia is seriously explained in London. Both diplomats and military men are positive that Russia will yield to no blameworthy, because the advisers say that the army and the provisional government are watching each other, each being determined to demonstrate its superior loyalty to Russia's pledges to her allies.

There is a strong impression that Austria, while offering a separate peace to Russia, is ready to make a separate peace for Austria, that is, to withdraw from the war if Russia will do the same.

If this should occur, it would cut off Germany from Turkey and Bulgaria and force them to make peace immediately, leaving Germany single-handed against the world. The Kaiser and Emperor Charles of Austria are believed to have quarreled at their recent meeting, with Austria's move as the result.

Further Advance Up Tigris River

British Now Mile and Half From Point Where Turks May Make Next Stand

London, April 17.—British troops in Mesopotamia are continuing their advance up the Tigris in pursuit of the retreating Turks. This was officially announced today. They have pushed to within a little more than ten miles of Samarra, seventy miles northwest of Baghdad and within a mile and a half of Istabulat, where the Turks apparently are expected to make their next stand.

The official statement reads:—"General Maude telegraphing yesterday, reports an advance of our forces on the right bank of the Tigris by means of a night march to within one and a half miles of the position occupied by the Eighteenth Turkish Army Corps, covering Istabulat station on the Baghdad-Samara railway. The enemy's advanced troops fell back without offering opposition."

P. AND O. LINER DRIVEN ON REEF AND SUNK AFTER ENCOUNTER WITH SUBMARINE

New York, April 17.—The Associated Press today says: "The British steamship Karmata, an 8,983 ton passenger vessel, owned by the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, was driven on a reef and after being shelled and torpedoed by a German submarine, according to two Americans who were among the Karmata's 190 passengers and who arrived here today from Europe. All on board the Karmata were saved."

EMPIRE FLAG DAY. Circulars have been received by members of the Royal Society of St. George's, London, for the second flag day to be held all over the empire on St. George's Day, when it is hoped a large sum will be realized for Red Cross and other patriotic purposes.

Last year in England alone more than 250,000 were collected for the sale of small English flags—the red cross of St. George—while overseas an even larger sum was added. The Royal Society of St. George will commence the celebration on Sunday, the 22nd, by attending service at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in a body, with the lord mayor and sheriffs in state, and all over England there will be similar services and special sermons preached. On Monday, St. George's Day, the society will attend at the Mansion House, London, for its annual meeting, when patriotic speeches will be made by prominent men. In some parts of England flag day will be kept on Saturday as a more convenient day. It is pointed out in the circular that in the army today four out of every five men are in the navy nine in ten are English, and so an English commemoration of the soldiers and sailors should be enthusiastic.

\$1,300 FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS. The estimated cost of temporary repairs to Union street, West St. John, is \$1,300, with an additional \$100 for the removal of the mud which now covers the streets. The work would take about two weeks. Commissioner Fisher has had the figures presented for the benefit of the other commissioners, who asked for this information before deciding whether to approve of permanent work to secure an early decision in order that something may be done, in one way or the other, to remedy the conditions which exist at present.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stur-part, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The pressure continues high over the lower lakes and middle states, and comparatively low both east and west. The temperature remains low in the west. The temperature has risen over the western provinces, but has risen slightly from Ontario eastward. Ottawa Valley.—Moderate winds, fair today and on Wednesday, a little higher temperature.

Fair. Maritime.—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, fair today and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. New England.—Fair tonight and probably Wednesday, moderate west winds.

ELECTIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN?

Will Come Unless Life of Parliament Extended by April 30

GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT

Some Currents, However, Seen Carrying Country to Election—Attitude of Nationalists a Factor—Welcome United States as Ally

London, April 17.—Parliament will reassemble this afternoon after the Easter recess. The business before the commons will be the second reading of the bill to prolong the life of the present parliament for seven months from April 30. The bill must be passed by the latter date or a general election becomes inevitable.

The government seems confident of its ability to put the measure through, but it is certain that currents are tending to force an election. The strength of these forces is unknown and the rumors in regard to them is conflicting.

Opposition to the bill is said in some quarters to be threatened by the Nationalists but their attitude has not been made public and may possibly not be decided until this afternoon, when the party will meet to consider the whole situation. The public is completely ignorant in regard to the whole question of an Irish settlement and everybody is awaiting information as to the stand of the government.

The attitude of the Nationalists toward the prolongation of the parliament depends upon this information. According to some of the Dublin correspondents, the outlook is regarded pessimistically there.

One of the first acts of the government will be to offer in both houses resolutions welcoming the entry of the United States into the war. These will be moved on Wednesday by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons and by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords. It is expected that former Premier Asquith will second the resolution in the Commons.

SENDING POTATOES TO BOSTON MARKET; 3000 BARRELS WEEK

Frederick Man Paying \$6 For Them—Home For Children's Aid Society

Frederick, April 17.—W. W. Boyce of this city shipping potatoes to the Boston market at the rate of 3,000 barrels a week. He is now paying \$6 a barrel delivered at the latter place. He shipped no potatoes to the upper provinces since December.

Accounts have been passed in the state of George, Vincent's Infants' Home in Coburg street. The object is to secure a matron and make arrangements to finance the new project.

TEA AND SALE

A supper and fancy sale is being conducted by a circle of Catholic ladies in the Young Men's Catholic Institute in Cliff street, today. The proceeds are for the benefit of the St. Vincent's Infants' Home in Coburg street. The object is to secure a matron and make arrangements to finance the new project.

Mrs. J. Stuck is general convenor of the tea and is being assisted by a large number of willing workers. Those assisting at the tea are Mrs. E. Finnigan, Mrs. E. Leonard, Mrs. J. Merritt, Mrs. H. Nixon, Miss C. McDonald, Mrs. J. Milan, Mrs. J. Sullivan and Mrs. McNeill. Several young ladies are acting as waitresses.

Miss S. McWilliams is convenor of the fancy table and is assisted by Miss W. O'Neill. Several young ladies are acting as waitresses.

Miss Nora Barry is in charge of the expectation booth assisted by Miss T. Foley. Miss M. McCarthy and Miss Fitzgerald have charge of the grab-bag. Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin is convenor of the candy table and Mrs. John Sheehan is convenor of an energetic committee.

Tea is being served in the main hall of the institute while the ice cream is served in the library room. The fancy booth is in the library room, the fancy table and expectation booths are both in the billiard room. The candy booth is also situated in the main hall, with several games and amusements.

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BERLIN SAYS NOT MUCH TO STRIKES

Anxiety Yesterday But No Alarming Events

CUTTING OF BREAD RATIONS

Socialist Organ Printed Warning in Which it Said End of War Seemed Near Through Separate Peace With Russia

Berlin, Monday, April 16.—Via London, April 17.—A day of apprehension in Berlin ended tonight without alarming events. The threatened strikes because of a reduction in the weekly bread ration materialized in only a portion of the larger factories and did not affect transportation or public utilities. The strike leaders had planned an elaborate system of street demonstrations which were to unite in an outdoor assembly, but inclement weather kept down enthusiasm.

Some of the factories affected announced tonight that the workmen would resume work tomorrow. In other meetings will be held in the morning to decide the future course of the strikers. The streets are quiet tonight but the police are still on guard.

The government authorities declared that they will make no effort to interfere with the strikers, because they are only registering disapproval of the new food regulations and are expected to resume work everywhere before the end of the week. The strikers are limited to factories manned by unions belonging to the Liebknecht-Ledebor branch of the social democracy. The Schiedemann group is not striking. The Vorwarts, the organ of the Schiedemann Socialists, printed a warning against striking for fear that the latter would interfere with efforts to obtain a separate peace with Russia.

Says the End of War Near Vorwarts' significant warning follows:—"Internal disturbances in Germany at this moment would be calculated deeply to disturb socialistic peace work. The vain hope that Germany in a few months might see circumstances similar to those in Russia might again postpone the end of the war which now seems so near and again cost hundreds of thousands of lives in the battlefield. Who knows how long it will last, therefore, will especially ask what will be the effect of what he does or fails to do today."

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The enemy fled in haste, taking machine guns with them, but suffered many casualties before they found safety in a trench on the far side of the wood. The element of surprise caused the enemy to be taken unawares. The horsemen attacked it in open order at a gallop.

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Canadian Headquarters in France, April 17, via London.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press, Limited)—The day of the cavalryman in war has not passed. Details are now available of the recent operations of the Canadian cavalry in the wooded region where the enemy's withdrawal shows that the Canadian horsemen were used to keep him on the move and they did so with such success that in four days the horsemen captured six villages. Three of them were well organized for defence and the cavalry made an advance ahead of the infantry on a twelve mile front to a depth of six and a half miles.

This cavalry dash into the enemy lines was one of the first operations of the sort on the western front since the Marne campaign and it furnished many incidents that, but for the great events taking place elsewhere, would have afforded much material for descriptive writers.

The most dramatic of all is the case of a young lieutenant who, while leading his troops to the capture of one of the villages which the Canadians had captured, came upon a trench which was protected by three strands of wire and was occupied by twenty Germans who had a machine gun. The lieutenant jumped from his horse and ran straight for the machine gun. Clearing the wire in the best cross country running form, he shot with a revolver the machine gunner and captured the gun. He found afterwards that the unexpected appearance of a body of horsemen had made the gunner nervous and prevented him from getting into action before being shot down. A second's hesitation on the part of the horseman would have meant many casualties to the men of his troop.

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FREEDOM OF EX-CZAR FURTHER RESTRICTED

London, April 17.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Petrograd quotes the Russian Volla as saying that former Emperor Nicholas and the former empress have now been forbidden to communicate with each other or their fellow prisoners, except in the presence of officers or their guard.

"The former emperor," says the correspondent, "is confined in three rooms. The guard has been increased and a stricter surveillance is being imposed, due to an attempt by members of his suite to communicate surreptitiously with outsiders. The restrictions were imposed by order of Minister of Justice Kerensky."

A Clash in Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires, April 17.—Supporters of the allies and advocates of neutrality clashed last night during a street demonstration. Several persons were injured.

Laying Plans To Make Germany Republic

Paris, April 17.—(New York Sun)—L'Oeuvre says it has received news from Berné that a party working for a German republic has just been founded there. The president is named Rosenmeyer and he is said to be the author of J. Acues, the name of the author has been secret heretofore. The vice-president is Hermann Fernau.

The newspaper attaches importance to the news because neither man is in an internationalist, but all are educated any way a revolutionist, a socialist middle class citizen, moved by conscience to take this action against their own government.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

Baseball schedule for today: National League: St. Louis at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p.m.; New York at Brooklyn, clear, 3.30 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, clear, 3 p.m.; Philadelphia at Boston, 3.15 p.m.

American League: Chicago at Detroit, clear, 3 p.m.; Cleveland at St. Louis, cloudy, 3 p.m.; Washington at New York, clear, 3.30 p.m.; Boston at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p.m.

International League: Buffalo at Newark, clear, 3 p.m.; Toronto at Baltimore, clear, 3.45 p.m.; Montreal at Philadelphia, fair, 3 p.m.; Rochester at Richmond, clear, 3 p.m.

NO ELIGIBLES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE London, April 17.—The Daily Mail, objecting to conscientious objectors being employed in the government offices, apparently under an arrangement made by the former regime, suggests that the lead given by the Canadian government in excluding from the civil service men of military age should be followed.

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