

Brilliant Work of Canadians Saved The Situation; Whole Empire Thrills With Pride Over Their Gallant Fight

ALL ENGLAND STIRRED BY GALLANT WORK OF CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Press and People Praise Brilliant Fighting of Canadians who Saved Day in France — Canada Looms Up Prominently on Bulletin Boards of Newspaper Offices.

London, April 25.—Canada loomed up prominently on the bulletin boards of the Saturday evening newspapers in London. "Canadians Saved the Situation," "Well Done Canadians," and "Bravo Canada." These were some of the headlines which appeared. In reference to this evening's statement from the War Office the Evening News says: "The War Office gives us, in this message, the kind of prompt news we want. Today's glorious bulletin will live always in the military chronicles of the Empire. The despatch reveals that the left of our line which was unavoidably left uncovered by the French retirement, was held by the Canadians, who were in the first battle line and eager for the clash. The Germans did not capture their guns. They fell into them when the Canadians were swept back. Later, and with what impetuosity and grim resolution we are left to imagine, the Canadians made a counter-attack and re-took the four guns they had left behind, and also made German prisoners. Unhappily their casualties were heavy, but all around the Empire will re-echo the praise of the War Office for their conduct."

MAJ. MAGEE IN THE THICK OF THE BATTLE

Ottawa, April 24.—Military headquarters authorities state that they have absolutely no means of telling what Canadian regiments were involved in the fighting of Thursday and Friday in France. Information as to the disposition of the troops has not been officially communicated to Canada.

HALIFAX MAN WOUNDED IN YPRES BATTLE

Lt. Raddell Was Musketry Instructor for Royal Canadians at Wellington, Halifax.

Halifax, April 25.—Lieut. Thomas Head Raddell, reported wounded in the battle now raging around Ypres, was a resident of Halifax, where his wife and family of five children now reside. Lieut. Raddell was musketry instructor at Ottawa and for the Royal Canadians at Wellington, Halifax. He volunteered for the front in the first contingent and at the time of being wounded was attached to the 90th Winnipeg Rifles.

SAY BRITISH BATTLESHIP WAS DAMAGED

Washington, April 24.—The German Embassy announced today it had information from a reliable source that a British battleship was severely damaged in the last Zeppelin attack over the Tyne.

GEN. FRENCH SENDS MESSAGE TO GEN. HUGHES

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 24.—General Hughes has received following cable from Lord Brook, staff officer to Field Marshal French as follows: "Heartiest congratulations on magnificent behavior of Canadian troops."

RIOTS IN MANY PARTS OF AUSTRIA

Rome, April 25, via Paris.—Despatches from Trieste, telegraphed from the frontier daily are growing more grave in their reports of the situation there. One-tenth of the population are serving under the colors, including men fifty years of age. The calling of men of this age into the army has caused a rebellion among the women, who invaded the railroad station when the troops left and tried to prevent, by violence, their departure, crying: "Down with war; return to us our old men." Serious riots are reported at Gorz and in many other parts of Austria, especially in Vienna, while at Prague conditions are reported to have assumed a revolutionary character. Military trains loaded with bread and flour have been pillaged and a Bohemian regiment is reported to have mutinied.

BRINGS PARTY OF MEN UNFIT FOR SERVICE

The Hesperian at Halifax With 437 Passengers — Seaman Jumped Overboard but Was Rescued.

Halifax, N. S., April 25.—The Allan liner Hesperian arrived here on Saturday evening from Liverpool. She brought 437 passengers and 3,639 packages of mail. With the exception of a seaman who jumped overboard, and was rescued, the passage was without special incident. Among the passengers were Captain Coulter, a Nova Scotia officer in charge of 34 Canadian soldiers, a number of whom are medically unfit for active service.

NEPHEW OF EARLY GREY A PRISONER

With Thirty-eight Other Officers Is Held by Germans in Detention Barracks.

London, April 25.—There was received here yesterday a list of the thirty-nine British officers placed in detention barracks, ten of them in solitary confinement, by the German government in retaliation for the declaration of Great Britain to accord honors of war to the crews of captured German submarines. This list, which was supplied to Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin by the German government, consists of the names of seven captains and thirty-two lieutenants.

In the list are the names of Lord Carlisle, Alexander Fraser, Master of Saltoun; Lt. Goschen, son of Sir William Edward Goschen, former British Ambassador to Berlin; Robin Grey, a nephew of the British foreign minister, and many sons of peers. Nearly all the prisoners belong to crack regiments.

GALLANTRY OF CANADIANS WINS ADMIRATION OF GENERAL FRENCH

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 25.—Mr. J. J. Garrick, M. P., who is at the front with the Canadian troops, cables General Hughes that Sir John French telegraphed General Alderson today as follows:

"I wish to express to you and the Canadian troops my admiration of the gallant stand and fight they have made. They have performed a most brilliant and valuable service. Last night and again this morning I reported their splendid behavior to the Secretary of State and I have a reply from him saying how highly their gallantry and determination in a difficult position are appreciated in England."

Sir Robert Borden sent the following cable today to General Alderson, Commander of the Canadian Divisions: "Report of the splendid gallantry and efficiency of division under your command has thrilled all Canada with pride. Warmest congratulations."

Sir Robert also sent the following cable to Earl Grey in reply to a congratulatory message:

"Deeply appreciate your message. Canada is very proud that her sons have upheld so worthily the splendid traditions of our great pioneer races."

GEN. HUGHES' TRIBUTE.

Ottawa, April 24.—"They would never leave these guns in the hands of the Germans," said Major General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia regarding the Canadian victory, when shown the British War Office statement: "They have done what was expected of them, what we all know they could do and that was their duty. Yes, this despatch makes us prouder than ever of them. I am sorry that the despatch says there were many casualties but we must be prepared for these. However, many of them."

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE.

Ottawa, April 25.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, has received a message from His Majesty, King George, expressing his admiration of the gallant stand made by the Canadians at Langemark, and sympathizing with Canadians in the heavy casualty sustained.

Half Million Germans Rushed From East to Flanders in Effort To Break Through Allies' Line

Believed Furious Attacks of Past Few Days Forerunner of Final Effort of Enemy to Break Through to Coast — Germans Attacking British Line Held by Canadians — Italy and Greece Still Undecided.

London, April 25.—The German rushes in Flanders and the Woever, where they claim to have had considerable success, are believed to be the forerunners of another big effort to break through the allied lines in the west.

For many days Belgium has been sealed from the observation of neutrals, while reinforcements from Germany were being moved to the south to take part in the new offensive, which they hope is to carry them to Calais and possibly break the resistance of the Allies.

The attack in Flanders, originally levelled at the French, has been transferred to the British lines held by the Canadians, on the immediate right of the French, and here, for two days, the men from the Dominion have been engaged in a deadly contest with the Germans. The latter state, in their official report, that they have made further progress toward Ypres and that the British counter-attacks have been repulsed.

The French account, on the other hand, declares that the Allies' counter-attacks continue with success and that the British hold all their positions and repeated the charge that the Germans are using bombs containing asphyxiating gases.

The German attack in the Woever, or in the Meuse hills, was directed against the French positions to the southwest of Combray, and according to the Berlin statement the French suffered a heavy defeat. Paris, however, say that in a counter-attack the Germans were completely driven out of the French first line, which they had pushed back.

These offensive movements by the Germans have been made possible by the state of the ground on the eastern front, where operations are virtually impossible until the spring floods have

subsided. Taking advantage of these conditions, the German general staff transferred a large number of troops to the west, to make another big effort, which shows that they are not content to rely on a passive policy. It is believed that half a million new German troops have reached Flanders and that more guns and material are to be used than were provided for in the original attempts to destroy the allied armies in the west—attempts which met with failure both in August and October.

In the meantime the eastern front is enjoying a period of comparative calm, except in the mid-Carpathians, where the Russians continue to attack the Austrians in Uzok Pass, and to the eastward, where the Austrians and Germans are trying to crush the Russian flank. Both sides report successes.

The Balkan States. The operations in the Dardanelles apparently are still confined to the bombardment of the Turkish entrenchments, while preparations are being made for landing the Allied forces, part of which is already on Turkish territory at Enos, and other points.

Italy and Greece continue to debate what steps, if any, they will take, and Roumania, it is believed, waits on Italy's decision. It is stated that Austrian and German diplomats at Rome are prepared to recommend acceptance of Italy's terms, but are waiting for instructions from Vienna, which must have the last word in the matter.

Greece, too, is considering terms which, however, come from the Allies, and Athens is torn by divided opinion. The adherents of ex-Premier Venizelos demanding immediate intervention, and the government supporters insisting that the integrity of the country must be guaranteed before Greece takes up arms. A despatch from Athens tonight says that a decision is expected some time this week.

HON. MR. MEIGHEN DID NOT CRITICISE PRESIDENT WILSON

Report of His Speech Before Laurentian Club a Fabrication—Were No Reporters Present.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 25.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Solicitor General, made a speech at a private dinner of the Laurentian Club here the other evening in which he quoted extracts from a speech delivered by President Wilson the night before in New York. Mr. Meighen made some general historical remarks upon the trend of diplomatic relations between world powers, but he was reported by the Ottawa Citizen as criticizing severely the address of President Wilson. This he did not do. However, the report was sent broadcast by the Canadian Press, although it is understood that no Canadian Press or other newspaper reporter was present.

The Ottawa Citizen comments editorially this morning upon Mr. Meighen's alleged utterances and assumes that the report was correct.

The Solicitor General thereupon issued the following statement: "I am told there has been wide circulation given to a speech of mine at the Laurentian Club, which report appeared first in the Citizen Thursday evening last. It is on that report this editorial attack is based. The report and the attack are of a piece—and probably derive their inspiration from much the same source. I said nothing attributed to me in either the one or the other."

It is stated that the report was handed to the Ottawa Citizen by a Liberal member of the Laurentian Club. The

"FIGHT NOW TO AVENGE LOSS OF OUR BOYS"

New Incentive to Spur on Canadians at Front — Gen. Hughes Sends Canada's Congratulations to Men at Front.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 23.—General Hughes sent the following cable today to General Alderson:

"Please convey to all your splendid division the deep appreciation of their comrades in Canada, and of all Canadians of their gallant fight and their splendid behaviour. We rejoice in their gallantry, but while mourning the loss of many brave comrades, our one great desire is to avenge that loss. The hearts of all Canadians are firmly with them."

Lieut. S. D. Armour, of the Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver, who is wounded is one of three brothers at the front.

General Sam Hughes felt severely the losses suffered by the Canadians, "but," he said, "it just means we will have to fight the harder and beat the Germans to a finish. We have been fighting against tyranny and for liberty. Now we will fight to avenge the loss of our boys."

Citizen is now openly opposing the government although it was formerly a Conservative newspaper. No reporters were present at the gathering and Mr. Meighen states that his remarks were reiteration of those he made in a public speech in Ottawa recently, when he covered the same ground. In that speech there was no criticism of President Wilson or the United States. Mr. Meighen states emphatically that the report of his speech is a fabrication.

It is learned that the Laurentian Club is taking up the matter officially.

CHAMPION RIFLE SHOT OF WORLD DIES IN BATTLE

Major McHarg, of Vancouver, Among the Canadians Killed in Fight at Ypres.

Ottawa, April 25.—The late Major W. Hart McHarg of the Sixth D.C.O.R., Vancouver, whose name appears in today's casualty list, was the champion rifle shot of the world, winning the title at the last international rifle matches at Fort Perry, Ohio, in 1913. He won the Governor General's prize on two occasions, being one of the only two men who ever won the honor twice at the D.C.R.A. meet here. His record at Bisley and the Canadian annual matches has very few equals.

Captain Gerard O. Lees of the Thirteenth Battalion, reported killed, was one of the best known athletes in Canada, being especially prominent as a golfer. He was on the reserve of the Fifth Royal Highlanders of Montreal, and when war broke out at once volunteered. He was a member of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club and in 1913 was runner-up for the championship.

Mrs. Peter Whelen, of this city, received a private cable tonight from her son, Lieut. Earl G. Whelen of the Second Battalion, stating "wounded in shoulder, quite safe."

Captain S. J. Huggins of the Fourth Battalion, given as wounded, was cadet instructor in the Ottawa Collegiate Institute before the war broke out. He was previously in the Imperial Army and wore the Burma Campaign medal. He is an excellent rifle shot, and enlisted with the Fourth Battalion from the Hamilton district.

RUSSIANS DRIVE BACK ENEMY IN CARPATHIANS

Germans Bring Up Fresh Artillery Units but Fail to Dislodge Russians from Positions in Uzok Pass.

Petrograd, via London, April 26.—The official communication issued this evening says:

"During the night of April 24-25, German forces aggregating from two companies to one battalion, made several attempts to attack our advanced positions between Kalwarya and Ludwinow (in Russian Poland). All the attacks were easily repulsed by our fire. After one of the repulses the enemy fled in disorder."

"Our aircraft, on the morning of the 24th, successfully attacked the station at Neidenberg (East Prussia), where their bombs caused a number of fires and destroyed a portion of the railway line."

"In the Carpathians the enemy recently has been increasing in volume his artillery fire on the whole front. He has apparently brought up fresh units of heavy artillery. During the night of the 24th and 25th the enemy delivered a series of persistent attacks in the region of the Uzok Pass, which we repulsed with rifle fire and hand-grenades, inflicting very great losses on him."

"On the other sectors of our front there has been no change. Artillery and rifle fire of varying intensity is going on at some points, with minor outpost engagements."