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British Counter-Attack Regains Ground and Takes Prisoners

LINE ST. PAUL TURNS TURTLE IN AMERICAN PORT

ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE GOOD BY CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

"Go On or Go Under" Watchword of Patriotic Drive Canvassers Today.

NEED BOOST OF \$117,000
Fund Total Stands at \$238,495, With Only Today to Bring It to \$355,000.

"Go on or go under," the slogan under which the canvassers in the big patriotic and Red Cross drive have worked during the past two days, is their watchword today.

Today, with the campaign approaching its conclusion, the workers are out to better all previous efforts, and to put the campaign over with a crash.

In this, the only campaign to be put on this year, Londoners have a chance to give, and to share in the laudable work which is being carried on by the eleven organizations concerned, and it is pointed out if anyone should fail to take advantage of the opportunity offered today to donate, that person will not have another chance to give this year.

Though excellent work has been done so far, some hard work is needed to bring the fund up to its objective of \$355,000.

"Are Londoners going to fall down for the first time?" is the question being asked by the committee in charge today.

Will London Fall Down?
It is pointed out that the need for the money is greater this year than ever before, and that the smaller cities, such as Guelph, have seen the need and have "come across." All other cities have exceeded their aim, and the workers are asking "Is London going to fall down?"

In view of the greater need, instead of many calls, one call is being made, and the committee wishes it understood that if anyone wishes to increase their subscriptions they now have the opportunity.

No further indication of the committee's determination to put the big tank over the top of London's trenches with a bang was needed after the big meeting and concluded Continued on Page Two.

AMERICANS TO MAKE WORLD'S SHIP RECORD

Program For 1919 Calls For Ten Million Tons.

Washington, April 25.—For military reasons, the construction of a future building program has not been made public. From previous statements of Chairman Harbo, however, it has been estimated that the construction in 1919 will be in excess of 10,000,000 tons, the largest amount ever built in any one year by any nation. By January 1, all the shipyards will be in full operation, and many old yards which have demonstrated their ability to build efficiently will be extended. Of the total tonnage next year, approximately eight million tons will be steel.

It is expected that 2,500,000 tons of wooden ships will be turned out next year, virtually all on the Gulf and Pacific coasts.

Continuation of the navy building program may be expected.

DETROIT CAR STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—The strike of 8,500 motormen and conductors of the Detroit United Railway, which tied up the street car service here since early yesterday morning, was called off shortly before noon today, when the carmen voted to submit their differences with the company to federal mediation.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 41; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 22.

TOMORROW—COOL.

Forecast.
Friday—Fresh easterly winds and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	35	40	Fair
Calgary	32	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	44	40	Fair
Port Arthur	42	38	Fair
Port Stanley	40	35	Clear
Buffalo	34	32	Clear
Toronto	34	22	Clear
Kingsford	40	35	Clear
Ottawa	40	35	Clear
Montreal	42	35	Clear
Quebec	42	35	Fair
Father Point	44	38	Cloudy

Weather Notes.
The area of high pressure now centered in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley is moving eastward and shallow low areas are approaching the Great Lakes from both northwest and southwest. The weather is fair from Ontario eastward, and showery in the western provinces.

THE GREATEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD



Advertiser Illustration.

SEACOCKS LEFT OPEN CAUSE OVERTURNING OF GREAT LINER

S. S. St. Paul Topples Over at Her Berth in U. S. Port.

An Atlantic liner, St. Paul, overturned at her pier today.

The vessel is lying on her port side. It is supposed that seacocks were left open. So far as known, no one was injured. The military authorities have taken charge of the situation. The St. Paul is one of the crack steamships of the American Line, registering 11,629 gross tons.

The St. Paul did not sink. She was overturned with her decks partly afloat, but with her masts lying across the water in escaping. There were between 500 and 600 laborers aboard at the time she overturned.

PRICES ARE MADE FOR EXPORT CHEESE

Figures For Milk and Butter Will Soon Be Set.

Montreal, April 25.—The dairy produce commission which represents the British Ministry of Food, and the Dominion Department of Agriculture, has authorized the following prices for cheese for exportation to Great Britain: 25 cents per pound for No. 1 grade, f.o.b. steamer at Montreal; 22 1/2 cents per pound for No. 2 grade, and 20 cents per pound for No. 3 grade. A committee has been appointed by the commission to work out the question of a relative price for condensed milk.

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN FORCED TO KISS FLAG

Davidson, Sask., April 25.—On Tuesday night a mob of 50 men went to the home of Henry Willner, a German, and made him kiss the Union Jack and give \$100 to the Military Y. M. C. A. Willner's son recently joined the army, and on returning home and telling his father he had enlisted, the father ordered him off the place.

JAIL AND FINE FOR LISTOWEL HOTELMAN

Stratford, April 25.—Two months' imprisonment on each of three charges of having liquor for sale, and \$100 and costs on a fourth charge, was handed out to Joseph Boehmer, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, Listowel. The sentences run concurrently.

IRISH ARE PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING ARMS

London, April 25.—Gen. Mahon, commanding the troops in Ireland, has issued an order forbidding anyone to carry or possess arms, ammunition or explosives in eleven Irish counties and also the cities of Cork and Limerick, unless duly authorized.

MEN WITHOUT HISTORY SHEET BEING CALLED

Those Who Were Exempt Without Being Examined Caught Now.

GO DIRECT TO THE ARMY

Officers Will Arrange for Examinations of This Class of Drafted Men.

Among the 5,500 men in this military district who are being ordered to report for duty on dates between May 1 and May 24 will be a number of men marked "no category." These men, of the ages of 20, 21 and 22 years, were granted exemption from the draft, without having to submit a medical history sheet. As a result of the failure of these men to submit themselves for medical examination at the time they filed claims for exemption, they will now be obliged to report for duty.

NEWFOUNDLAND SEEMS SOLID FOR COMPUSSION

St. John's, Nfld., April 25.—All interest is centred on the conscription bill, which the public are accepting with much more favor than was thought likely. No public manifestation of disapproval is coming from any section. On the contrary, resolutions favoring conscription are being hourly received by the Government and published in the newspapers. The Government expects that a secret session of the House today will dissipate the last vestige of opposition to the measure.

POLISH UHLANS KILLED BY RUSSIAN PEASANTS

Amsterdam, April 25.—Three squadrons of the Fifth Polish Regiment of Uhlans have been annihilated in Poland by Ukrainian peasants, who refused the soldiers' demands for food supplies, according to a Polish press agency dispatch, received by the Dutch press by way of Vienna. The peasants were armed with machine guns and mine throwers.

LORD ROTHERMERE RESIGNS.

London, April 25.—Rothermere, brother of Lord Northcliffe, has resigned of the office of secretary of state for the air forces, it is announced today.

SHELLING PARIS AGAIN.

Paris, April 25.—The long-range bombardment of Paris was resumed again this morning.

ALLIES CHECK THE GERMANS IN HEAVY ALL-NIGHT FIGHT; HAIG RETAKES SOME POINTS

BISHOP FALLON CALLED TO ROME, CAPITAL RUMOR

Due to Clash Between Wings of Church Here, Is Belief.

WILL END FRICTION

French-Canadian Clergy May Get More Authority in Ontario.

Ottawa, April 25.—The departure of Bishop Fallon of London for overseas is exciting a lot of interest in Ottawa, but the reasons given for his departure differ widely from those emanating from London.

In this city it is rumored that he has been called to Rome to settle some difficulties that exist between the Irish and French wings of the Catholic Church in Canada. It is doubted here that he has gone to settle in Irish question. It is thought that he might possibly have something to do with the Canadian service, but his mission is to Rome direct, according to rumors here.

For some years there has been much friction between Bishop Fallon and the French-Canadian clergy. It started in Ottawa, when he was teaching in Ottawa College, and has continued with renewed vigor since he became bishop of London. The Ford City rumormongers the culmination of a long series, and the hierarchy has called his lordship to Rome, according to information here, to settle the trouble.

As a result, it is expected that the French-Canadian clergy will be given more authority in Ontario. It is not a French-Canadian in Ontario, although the French-Canadian Catholics in Ontario number almost 50 per cent of the total Catholic population. Bishop Gauthier of Ottawa has a French name, but he is not French in his thinking, according to church dignitaries here.

GOVT. DIVIDED ON HOME RULE

Division of Views Has Prevented Committee Drafting a Measure.

London, April 25.—A division of views has prevented the cabinet committee appointed to draft a home rule bill for Ireland from elaborating a measure as speedily as was hoped, the Yorkshire Post says in a dispatch from London. Certain members of the committee are standing for recognition of Ulster's position, according to the dispatch.

THREE MEN PERISH FROM EXPLOSION IN PLANT AT HAMILTON

Workmen Hurled Through a Brick Wall.

Hamilton, Ont., April 25.—Three men were killed and a number injured this morning in an explosion at the plant of the Hamilton Tar and Ammonia Company. The dead are: Alfred Ingram, superintendent; Harry Sylvester and George Cameron.

GOVT. SAVES BIG SUM IN NATIONAL PRINTING

Ottawa, April 25.—A saving in national printing of \$175,000 in the first five and a half months of its existence is the record of the editorial committee, whose first report was submitted to Parliament yesterday by Sir George Foster. The economies effected include the absolute stoppage of the printing of some reports, sweeping deletions in the manuscript of departmental reports by 45,000 volumes in English and 6,000 in French.

British Win Back Ground Around Villers, Which Fell To Foe On Thursday—French Prevent Enemy From Debouching At Hangard—Attacks Continue On Wide Front With Large Casualties For Enemy.

London, April 25.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Germans put down an intense gas barrage on the Anglo-French front in Flanders, and two hours later deep waves of infantry delivered an assault. Fighting still is in progress.

With the British Army in France, April 25.—By the Associated Press.—The German attack against the French and British lines on the northern front in the Draunro-Kemmel sector is continuing. The Teuton assault was intended to pave the way for the capture of Kemmel Hill.

Vigorous British counter-attacks toward Villers-Bretonneux apparently resulted in the reclaiming of a considerable part of the territory lost to the Germans yesterday. The battle still is raging, however, and it is too early to make claims.

London, April 25.—Three attacks made by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it is announced officially.

On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against British positions further east.

The British regained ground around Villers-Bretonneux by counter-attacks and took prisoners.

ALL-NIGHT FIGHTING.

London, April 25.—The official statement follows: "Heavy fighting took place all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux, and still continues. Our troops regained ground by counter-attacks and have taken a number of prisoners."

THREE ATTACKS REPULSED.

"The fighting yesterday on the whole of this front was most severe and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by artillery, infantry and tanks. North of the Villers-Bretonneux-St. Quentin road the enemy three times attacked our positions, and on each occasion was repulsed with loss. During this fighting the enemy made use of a few tanks."

FIGHTING ON WIDE FRONT.

"Late yesterday evening the enemy also attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and was repulsed. Early this morning the enemy renewed his attacks in this sector and on British positions further east, after an intense bombardment. The fighting continues in this sector on a wide front."

SEVERE FIGHTING WAS IN PROGRESS IN AND AROUND VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, AND STILL CONTINUES. HEAVY CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN INFLECTED ON THE ENEMY THERE.

"On the Bailleul sector the battle is continuing over a wide front."

A RAID REPULSED.

London, April 25.—A raid attempted by the enemy during the night in the neighborhood of Bucquoy was repulsed.

The hostile artillery has been active during the night in the Festubert and Robecq sectors."

STRONG DRIVE ON FRENCH.

London, April 25.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The enemy heavily attacked the French front in Flanders this morning.

GERMANS CHECKED AT HANGARD.

Paris, April 25.—The war office announcement today says: "The battle continued with violence around the village of Hangard, on which the Germans concentrated their efforts during the night. French troops resisted valiantly, and counter-attacked several times with success. The village was lost, then retaken by the French, and finally remained in the hands of the Germans at the cost of heavy losses. The French are holding the immediate outskirts of Hangard, and the Germans have not been able to debouch from the town, in spite of repeated efforts."

HAIG'S POSITION IMPROVED.

London, April 25.—Heavy fighting continues on the sector east of Amiens. Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters reports: "The Germans obtained a footing in D'Aiguevive wood, west of Villers-Bretonneux, but the British counter-attacks drove them back to the fringe of the wood. At several places the British have retaken ground and their position has improved considerably."

GOOD TANKING.

Both British and German tanks participated in the fighting at Villers-Bretonneux. Two British tanks, the correspondent says, got among a mass of Germans, and did great execution.

The Germans made a determined attempt to rush towards Kemmel Hill yesterday, but without appreciable effect. The French counter-attacked and restored the position.

London, April 25.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The German offensive seems on a much smaller scale than formerly. Its objectives in yesterday's attack were obviously limited. It is possible that this is due to the realization of the great slaughter which has been attending the Teuton headlong rushes but the enemy has huge forces assembled in the neighborhood and if local thrusts like that which captured Villers-Bretonneux yesterday can be repeated, the enemy is sure sooner or later to take advantage of these gaps to push on to the utmost at the best moment.

TWO THREATS MADE.

As in the case of the attack which captured Armentieres, the enemy made two thrusts against Villers-Bretonneux yesterday. One was

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART TO ROLL THE PATRIOTIC TANK TO VICTORY?