

# FRENCH IN OPEN FIGHTING AGAINST ENEMY

## FRENCH SHOW DASH AGAINST HUNS

### On Sunday They Skillfully Encountered Enemy in Semi-Open Fighting at Southern Pivot of Hindenburg Line—Army of France Repels Natural Enemy of their Country.

At the French front in France, Sunday, March 25, via Paris, March 26.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—French troops had a chance today to show their dash and skill in semi-open fighting, and took ample advantage of it. At the southern pivot of the so-called Hindenburg line, which is supposed to be about Nally, they came to grips on several occasions with the Germans, who attempted to make a stand on the edge of the Crouy plateau, which is a strong offshoot of the still larger Laon plateau. The Associated Press staff correspondent watched today's engagement from a nearby height, and saw the French soldiers gradually push away the German opposition and attain the positions they were seeking to occupy with precision little short of marvellous.

### Close on Heels.

The French had kept close on the heels of the retreating Germans since they quit Soissons, never giving them a moment's respite until the pursuers occupied the sort of triangle formed by the three points of Crouy, Missy-sur-Aisne and Pont Rouge, on the Maubeuge road. At last named the Germans evidently expected to cease their retirement, as was shown by their abandoning the useless work of sawing down fruit trees.

It was the wanton devastation by the Germans in the country around Soissons and other places which so incensed the French infantry, composed mostly of peasants and farmers, that they could scarcely be restrained from a desperate rush for the front.

## SPLIT IN HUN SOCIALIST PARTY

Copenhagen, via London, Mar. 26.—The radical Socialist organization in Germany which, after having been read out of the regular Socialist ranks, is now forming a new party, has issued a programme as a Reichstag declaration. The programme demands among other things, a speedy peace and no annexations by any of the belligerents. Other planks in the programme demand the assent of the Reichstag to all treaties of alliance and of declarations of war or peace; the responsibility of the chancellor to the Reichstag, by which he may be dismissed and imperial legislation introducing universal equal suffrage in all the federal states.

The influence of the new party, though it is considerable among the working classes in a few of the big cities, is absolutely nil with the government, and its demands on parliament are not apt to accelerate peace by a day. The old Socialist organization, on the other hand, is "patriotic" and cannot be expected under the leadership of Philipp Scheidemann to waver in its support of the government as long as the attitude of the Entente Allies toward peace negotiations remains unchanged.

## U. S. ENQUIRIES AS TO PRISONERS ON MOEWE

Washington, Mar. 26.—An inquiry to learn whether any Americans are among the 150 prisoners taken to Germany by the raider Moewe, was said at the state department today to have been sent forward by the United States through the Spanish ambassador at Berlin. It is considered practically certain here that there are a large number of Americans among them, and in case the United States government is expected to follow the precedent set in the Yatrowdale case and demand immediate release, doubt is felt that Germany will comply.

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## INFORMATION WANTED BY GOVERNMENT

### Question of Stopping Funds Going to Enemy Countries—British Authorities Will Establish Clearing House for Debts.

Ottawa, Mar. 26.—Information is wanted concerning the property in Canada of enemy subjects; information is also wanted concerning property of British subjects when that property is in an enemy country. The Canadian Minister of Finance has appointed "public custodian" of enemy property in Canada. He has sent out a circular letter to banks, financiers and other companies, asking for statements under four heads:

- (1)—Property, real or personal, in Canadian territory, belonging to enemy subjects.
- (2)—Debts, including bank deposits and bank balances, due to, or held on behalf of, enemy subjects resident or carrying on business in enemy territory or due to or held on behalf of enemy subjects resident in Canada.
- (3)—Property, real or personal, in enemy territory, belonging to British subjects resident or carrying on business in Canada.
- (4)—Claims of British subjects resident or carrying on business in Canada against enemy governments.

### For Several Reasons.

The information is sought for several purposes. The British government wants to have a statement of British subjects' property in Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, and a statement of the property held in the British Empire by Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians in order that there may be balancing the accounts at the close of the war. The information gathered in Canada will be transmitted to "the public trustee" in England.

Already a good deal of this kind of information has reached the government. It has been learned that there are balances in banks credited to persons who hastened to the hinterland on the opening of war without drawing their money; there are sums of interest due residents of enemy countries on the bonds of Canadian companies; there are dividends due them from stock they own in Canadian banks, railways and industrial companies; there are rents due them from properties they own in Canada. These and similar accounts are to be placed to the credit of the Canadian Finance Minister, who is the public trustee in Canada, and he will hold them until the ending of the war brings about the day of settlement. The great body of the war's profits are to be divided among the owners of the property. The application of the law to obligations of this sort is to stop payment of interest on the money reaching Germany or other enemy countries and help finance their military operations.

As the United States is not at war officially but is a neutral country, nominally, Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians living there are entitled to recover debts due them from Canada. Canadians have considerable interests in the enemy countries. One agricultural implement concern has large sums due it from individuals in enemy countries and there are other concerns which hold stocks, bonds and other debts in enemy lands. The Canadian firms are entitled to take their money if they can get it but so far they have had poor success with collection.

## MORE OFFICERS COMING HOME

London, Mar. 26.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Major General J. C. Macdonnell, late G.O.C. of the Brighton area, has sailed for Canada. On the same ship were also Lieut. Col. F. J. Hamilton, 126th; Lieut. Col. P. Weatherbee, 5th Pioneer; Lt.-Col. C. F. Black, 37th; Majors H. A. Cameron, 69th; W. T. Wilson, 3rd Reserve; C. Donald, 55th; F. W. Torsey, 125th; C. L. Stewart, 129th.

The following, having resigned commissions, also aboard:

Major J. Chisholm, C.A.P.C.; Hon. Captains T. Fraser, Kurling, D. P. Cameron, chaplains. On sick leave are: Majors F. P. Arnold and P. L. Stephens, 14th; Captains Hercher and J. C. Martin, 43rd. On special leave are: Majors W. J. Laker and Gerald Black, Hon. Captains T. E. Best, W. A. Cameron of the Y.M.C.A.; E. R. McLaren, Forestry Corps; C. B. Pooley, 29th; B. L. Nelly, C.A.D.C.; Captain E. D. Marlett, Mounted Rifles. The officers in charge are Lieut. Col. W. T. Stewart, Majors E. G. Bezwil, H. G. McVean, C. F. Norris and Captain C. F. Stephens.

## TRAGIC STORY OF GERMAN CRUELITIES TOLD BY PRIEST

From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press, British Headquarters in France, March 26, via London.—This is the story of the priest of Voyennes, Monsieur Le Cure Caron, who stood today in the shadow of the still hot walls of his church, which had been set alight by the Germans the day they slipped away from this plain little village perched above the valley of the Somme. Flashes of passionate protest mingled with a spirit of proud resignation in his recital of the life at Voyennes during the two and a half years of German control—a civil imprisonment which ended Monday last when through field glasses from the loft of his presbytery the priest, who was also acting mayor, saw four khaki-clad horsemen on the road and knew that the Germans had gone and British relief was at hand.

A few minutes later a French cavalry patrol appeared, and the Allies had formed a new link in the pursuit of the common foe. Today the booming of the guns in this pursuit could be heard over a stretch of eighty battle miles.

The cure told how a few narrow scars in the earth, known as German trenches, ribbons of barbed wire behind them and a bit of shell-torn waste called "No Man's Land" had isolated a section of the French people from their country as effectually as if they had been suddenly transported to another hemisphere. He told how Voyennes women, children and old men lived and toiled for the invader in utter ignorance of what was going on in the world about them, just as other thousands still shut within the German lines are living, toiling and wondering today. They were told long ago that their beautiful Paris was to fall within a week and would be pillaged and burned.

Later they are told: "Paris is away."

## U. S. TO AID ALLIES BY SUPPLYING FOODSTUFFS

Washington, Mar. 26.—Government officials took upon the speeding up of the foodstuffs production in the United States as one of the most important means of assisting in the war against Germany.

"Of the most important two things that this country could do for its allies in case of war—namely to finance and feed them—perhaps the more important is to maintain a steady flow of foodstuffs to their shores," says an authorized statement by Assistant Secretary Vrooman, of the department of agriculture.

## PEOPLE OF GERMANY EXHAUSTED IN SPIRIT

"Spiritual exhaustion of the masses in my judgment, the gravest problem before the German leaders today. There is no doubt that the majority of the people is woefully fatigued. The earnest, brightest lands in the suffering poor to drug the energies of the masses."

## Well Known Farmer Gives His Evidence

Mr. William Wood of Hadlington, Ont., is added to Long List of Cures by the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Hadlington, Ont., Mar. 26.—(Special)—Mr. William Wood, a well-known farmer living near here, is shouting the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills. He claims they cured him of two of the most painful and dangerous forms of kidney trouble, bladder trouble and gravel.

"Yes, I was troubled with gravel and bladder trouble," Mr. Wood said when asked about his cure. "But since I took four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, my troubles are gone. I also had heart fluttering and shortness of breath. There were flashes of lights and specks before my eyes and I was very nervous. All these troubles have gone, too, since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Others in this neighborhood have used Dodd's Kidney Pills and found that they are the greatest of all remedies for kidney troubles of any kind. Dodd's Kidney Pills are specialists. They cure sick kidneys and that is all they claim to cure. The reason they are given credit for curing rheumatism, lumbago, dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease is that all of these diseases are caused by sick kidneys.

## ELEPHANT ON U. S. S. REFUSES TO QUIT ANCHORAGE—HARBOR BOARD APPEALS TO WASHINGTON.

Honolulu, H. I., March 23.—The flat refusal of the captain and agents of the German war boat ship here to leave the harbor has resulted in an embarrassing situation for the port officials. The agents refuse to sign a bond guaranteeing payment of damages to the water front in the event of sinking or explosion and refuse to leave the wharves for the outside anchorage.

They have notified the towing companies that they will hold them responsible if they assist the port authorities in forcing them to move. They have also notified the Territorial Harbor Board that it will be personally and officially responsible for the damage if they are forced to move. The board has appealed to the naval authorities for the use of a tug, but this has been refused, unless ordered by Secretary Daniels. The board has requested the governor to obtain authorization for the use of a naval tug, but the governor refused to forward the request of the board.

Its members announce that their hands are tied in face of the expected sinking of the ships at their anchorage.

Petrograd, March 26.—It has been settled that women shall vote for members of the Constituent Assembly. With such radical changes here women suffrage comes as a matter of course.

For a number of years there has been a strong organization of men and women working for woman suffrage in Russia. With the Constitutional Party in power in Russia the organization flourished under the long name of "Defenders of the Rights of Women to Education, Property, and Suffrage," changed later to "Defender of Women's Rights," and was a member of the International Suffrage Alliance. Its president was a practicing woman physician, Dr. Poliksenia Schischkina Yavina.

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FOR THE KIDNEYS

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Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

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## FRENCH AND BRITISH COUPEE—FRENCH PATROL COUCY—BRITISH CROISSILLES

Paris, March 26.—(New York Herald.)—The bad weather and the darkness of the ground, the French last night to advance south of the Oise. The war office announced French patrols reached south of the Forest of Compiègne. The Germans made less sacrifices, the statement several attacks yesterday were inflicted on the French the Somme and the Oise. They were thrown back attacks.

## Gilmour's, 68 King St.

## HAVELOCK SOLDIER KILLED

Ottawa, March 26.—10.30 p. m. Hat-Infantry. Killed in Action—W. J. Nash, Havelock, N. B. Wounded—Raymond De Coste, Havre Boucher, N. B. Lieut. J. C. Robertson, New Glasgow, N. S. Dangerously ill—J. J. Fraser, Mulgrave, N. S. Died—Gunner J. J. McEachern, Souris, P. E. I. Lieut. J. A. Winslow, Fredericton, N. B. Seriously ill—Gunner Jacob McKenzie, Glace Bay, N. S. Gunner John McKenzie, Glen Valley, P. E. I.

## TWO REGIMENTS CALLED OUT MASSACHUSETTS

Will Guard Arsenal Shipbuilding Plant Other Property in Middlesex County by German Symptom

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