

AND THE TERRIFIC BATTLE RAGING IN FRANCE

BRITISH FORCES BEGIN ANOTHER POWERFUL ATTACK ON THE HINDENBURG LINE

King George's Army Takes Number of Strong Positions—Attacking Front About Twelve Miles Long—Canadians Capture Fresnoy—French Also Make Gains.

London, May 3.—The British began another attack this morning. The war office announces that progress is being made. Some strong positions already have been captured by the British. The announcement follows: "Heavy fighting is taking place all along the front from the Hindenburg line, south of the Zenne River, to the Acheville-Vimy road. Our troops are making progress and have already captured a number of strong hostile positions."

Entire Arras Front

The new British attack takes in virtually the entire front on which the battle of Arras was begun on Easter Monday, and evidently is a major operation. It is the fourth great attack which the British have made along this line. The attacking front is about twelve miles long.

Into Hindenburg Line

British Headquarters in France, May 3, via London.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—Another of the continuing British attacks was launched against the Germans early this morning. Hard fighting is in progress under a warm spring sun. There has been no rain for more than ten days now and the battlefields at times are enveloped in dust. British reinforcements moving along the roads toward the front look like millers under heavy layers of chalk-white powder. Satisfactory progress is being made. The attack was on a wide front. At Bullecourt the British took another bite into the Hindenburg line.

Attacked Before Dawn

London, May 3.—Reuter's correspondent telegraphs:—"The British attacked in the dark."

GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO FIX WHEAT PRICE

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Kyte was followed by his political tutor F. B. Carvell, profferer out of hay at the time of the South African war, something of a client with Arthur Von Briesen, of the pro-German law, William Travers Jerome, Hubler of Canadian soldiers, and author of the historic phrase "that man French."

Reckless as Usual.

Mr. Carvell was in his customary reckless mood. He said to compare demand that wheat and other foodstuffs be commandeered. When asked, however, what prices should be fixed, he shirked the responsibility and declined to reply.

Sir Thomas White in replying for the government made one of the most impressive speeches that the House has heard in long while. Dealing with the abnormal advance in prices, the minister of finance impressed upon the House that more than 25,000,000 men had been withdrawn from the work of production and engaged in the work of destruction. They had not only ceased to be producers

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set hour preceding dawn this morning, striking at the German positions east of Arras. The infantry assault was delayed until half an hour after the half moon had gone down. The night was clear and starlit and the almost ceaseless flashing of guns gave definite shape to the shadowy outlines of the salient points.

The correspondent says the attack was directed to the taking of certain points of considerable importance and to improving the British line. The British desired to gain complete mastery of dominating positions whence their artillery would be able more effectively to devastate the fresh troops which the Germans continue to throw in.

There was the usual preliminary tonado of fire from weapons of all calibres and then the equally familiar creeping barrage working with absolute punctuality as the order to the men to go forward was snapped forth simultaneously down the line of trenches. Thousands of crouching figures formed into regular waves for the advance. Then came the inevitable rattle of machine guns and rifle fire and the crashing of bursting bombs as the infantry reached the parapet of the first enemy trench.

The Canadians Captured Fresnoy

The Germans counter-attacked heavily near Gavrelle and Loos. These onslaughts were dealt with satisfactorily by the British guns.

French Make Big Gain

Paris, May 3.—The French made an important gain on the Champagne front last night, reducing the position which was still being held by the Germans in the new lines east of Mont Haut and capturing the German garrison of more than 200 men. The war office so announces. There was active patrol fighting on the Chemin des Dames lines.

but they had become even greater consumers than before. Added to this was the fact that the closing of the Dardanelles had practically cut off the export of wheat from Russia, while the unavoidable advance in the price of capital and interest, and the great shortage of ocean tonnage combined to make increased costs inevitable.

Easy to Talk.

"It is easy to talk about reducing high prices," said the minister, "but where are you going to make a start? What about the farmer? Are you going to stop in and commandeer his product and control his price? For my own part I have yet to hear the farmer getting profits to which he was not reasonably entitled, and I think the agriculturists of this country are deserving of a fair deal. And what of the millers? Have we not already taken a very large portion of their profits by business taxation?"

Sir Thomas scored heavily against Mr. Kyte's citation of Australia as a country where food prices were being successfully controlled. It wasn't common sense, he said to compare conditions in Canada with those in Australia. Owing to the shrinkage in ocean tonnage, the Australian producer was cut off from the rest of the world, and was forced to take whatever price was fixed by the government.

Canada Better Off.

The Canadian producer, on the other hand had to the south or him a nation of ninety million consumers ready to pay the highest prevailing prices. What would it be to get a low price for the Canadian producer in Canada when all he had to do to get higher prices was to ship his product across the border?

The Liberals talked about fixing the price of wheat in Canada. How, asked Sir Thomas, could the price of wheat be controlled in Canada when all the farmer had to do was to send his wheat to Chicago to get a higher price. Only the other day the opposition were demanding free wheat so that the farmer would get more for his wheat; now they were demanding that the government resort to commandeering so that the farmer would get less for his wheat. It used to be the custom of the opposition to blame the advance in prices on the tariff. Well, the other day the government removed the duty off flour, and what happened? Flour had since advanced nearly three dollars a barrel.

Woodstock, May 2.—A large number on this side of the Maine border and from various Aroostook county points will go to Presque Isle on May 15 to hear former President Wm. Howard Taft. The ex-president will make an extended address in Presque Isle on the existing international situation and on other pertinent topics.

Mr. Taft frequently visits Canada as he has a summer residence in this country.

Campobello, May 1.—Sardine work has been opened by our American neighbors across the water. The boats and vessels are engaged in the catching of herring, the prices paid to those thus engaged ranking from forty to forty-seven dollars per hoghead, while the women of the North Shore report fifty dollars per hoghead to have been paid.



GALLANT CANADIANS TAKE THE FORTIFIED VILLAGE

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Strongly Protected

Fresnoy lays within the main Mericourt-Oppey position, which, throughout its length, was strongly protected by wire entanglements thirty feet wide. For some days our artillery has been working overtime destroying this wire along a frontage of over two miles north and south of Fresnoy, as well as in front of the village. The ground has been searched by artillery fire for machine gun emplacements, which when well concealed behind uncut wire, give a tremendous advantage to the defence. Much ammunition is thus expended, but its free use saved the lives of many of our brave fellows today. In the tangle of houses, or rather ruins of houses, through which they fought their way down to the eastern slope of the new line established. Many of the enemy must have been buried in the ruins of the houses destroyed in the last terrific burst of fire which preceded the assault.

Captured Prisoners

Prisoners taken already number ten officers and 200 of other ranks. Later stories of prisoners and of our wounded as to what occurred in Fresnoy, and the trenches which protected it, agree that the enemy who, as at Arrieux had taken over the defence only a few hours before the assault, had largely sought shelter from the fearful shell fire to which he was subjected by descending into the deep dugouts and to the cellars of the houses. Our infantry followed closely behind the bursting shells and reached the enemy's dugouts before he could emerge. For the occupants of the dugouts that meant either surrender at once or a horrible death by the bombing of the dugout.

Germany Cut Off

Some of the Germans holding the trench to the north of Fresnoy did emerge from their dugouts and began to fight. They speedily discovered

that the Canadians, after passing over the wire and trench system, had posted men between the front line trench and the enemy supports, and cut the Germans on the front line off from all chance to secure help. The men thus cut off were from the Rhinish provinces of Prussia. Practically an entire company of them surrendered under these circumstances, through officers with them, but while the greater part of the prisoners were taken in this way, others surrendered only when they could no longer carry a rifle or operate a machine gun. A captured enemy officer said there was not time to bring the machine guns of his company into action before the men were overwhelmed.

Hun Learns Lesson

What Vimy Ridge and Arrieux have shown has been completed. The Hun has been taught that it is a very dangerous thing to despise men who go at winning a battle as if it were their job.

ANDOVER

Andover, April 29.—Mrs. Van Namee Armstrong is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Lane, Arthurville.

Misses Grace and Gertrude McPhail are guests of Miss Helen Marr, St. John.

Mr. LeBaron Anderson was called to Scotch Settlement by the death of Mr. George Hagerman.

Mrs. James Wright and Miss Beattie Wright are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Grand Falls.

Gunner Graydon McCrear, of the Slego Battery, St. John, spent last week at his home here.

Mr. Benjamin Beveridge has gone to Minto to spend several weeks.

Mr. Frederick Baird has returned to Minto. Mrs. Baird and little Miss Mary Baird will visit Mrs. George Baird for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sadler and

Mr. Frederick Sadler, of Long Island, were in town last week to attend the funeral of Senator Baird.

Mrs. Mann, of Houlton, spent several days with relatives this week, having come to be present at the funeral of Senator Baird.

Miss Annie McGill, of Houlton, Me., is the guest of Mrs. R. B. M. Wiley.

Premier Foster, the new member for Victoria county spent Monday and Tuesday here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, of Caribou, Me., spent a day here this week visiting old friends.

Mr. William Hoyt was in Kilburn for a few days the past week.

Mrs. Benjamin Kilburn, of Kilburn, was the guest of Mrs. Flemington the past week.

Mr. Ernest Mosher, Woodstock, attended the meeting of the O. R. T. on Monday evening.

Mr. George Lockhart, St. John, was in town during the week.

Mr. W. A. E. Kuyper entertained the W. A. of Trinity church on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Janie Curry returned on Tuesday from a delightful visit to Baltimore, Washington, New York and Boston.

Mr. Carl Johnston, Halifax, was in town the past week.

Mr. Garnet Birmingham, of the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to the branch at Grand Falls.

Miss Helen Spike spent the last weekend in Woodstock the guest of Miss Ruby Clark.

Miss Bertha Waite was the guest of Mrs. E. E. Holt, Fort Fairfield, during the week.

Mrs. George S. Baird and Mrs. Franklin D. Sadler, left on Friday on a trip to Boston and New York.

Mrs. Guy G. Porter spent a few days during the week at her old home in Fort Fairfield.

Mr. J. M. Keefe, Grand Falls, spent a few days here the past week.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick and Mrs. Fenwick, of Jacksonville, are guests of Mr. James Stewart.

PENNFIELD

Pennfield, May 1.—Mr. T. Earle McKay of St. John spent Sunday and Monday at his home here before leaving for London, Ont., where he has accepted a position as fireman.

The school which has been closed for five weeks on account of an outbreak of diphtheria opened on Wednesday, April 25.

Miss Ethel MacDowell spent Saturday in St. George.

Miss Zena Cawley and brother, Mas-

ter Harvey are spending some time in Mace's Bay where they are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Henry Brown.

Mr. W. S. R. Justason spent a few days last week in St. John.

Miss Margaret MacDowell who has spent the past six months in Boston has returned to her home here.

Mr. A. G. Blair Ferris made a business trip to St. George on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McKay visited friends in St. George last week.

Mr. Hassan Cawley, St. John, is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Lillian McKay has returned home after spending last week in St. John.

Pts. Harold Hawkins of the Killie Battalion is visiting his brother, Mr. Rupert Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McKay were the guests of Mr. Allan McDowell, Woodland, on Sunday.

Mrs. Bernard Bradford entertained the Baptist Sewing Circle on Thursday.

Mr. Melvin Dunbar, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. James Dunbar, visited friends in St. George on Friday.

Rev. Howard Warden preached his farewell sermon in the Baptist church here on Sunday.

Messrs. Walter McDowell and James Boyd made a flying trip to St. Stephen on Saturday by motor, passed through here on Monday en route to Beaver Harbor.

Mrs. Albert Taitton has returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Rolling Dam.

The many friends of Mrs. H. Colin McKay are sorry to learn of her recent illness.

The Italian workmen under Mr. A. Goss, who have been working on Mr. H. C. McKay's section of railroad, Pennfield, have left and are now stationed at New River.

Springhill, N. S., May 2.—The 1,500 men employed at the Springhill collieries have made a demand for an advance in wages. Unless a settlement is reached it is said a strike will be ordered this week.



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