

LOOKING BETTER
IS REPORT FROM
BRITISH FRONT

Distinct Improvement as Result of Withdrawal in North

RETIREMENT BY NIGHT

Statement of Situation on Wednesday—Haig Continues to Exact Terrible Toll From Germans But Further Mighty Blows From Prussian Machine Expected

With the British Army in France, April 17—(By the Associated Press)—Things looked distinctly better today from the Allied standpoint as a result of the British withdrawal in the north, which eliminated the great salient which bulged out over the Passchendaele Ridge system. The defending troops this morning were sitting in snugly prepared positions along a line running a little east of Ypres, after a secret and orderly night retirement, with which the enemy interfered in no way.

In the meantime the British were more than holding their own in the fierce struggle in the Wytschaete-Baillieu sector, where the progress of the German troops had threatened the defenses of the wide-ranging salient to the north. Wytschaete today was reported to be again in British hands, but such was the nature of the struggle here that it would be unwise to make a definite claim at this time (2 p. m.).

(The British official report of last date announced its loss for the second time to the Germans.)

Certainly the men in khaki were fighting gallantly, and they were giving little ground here, according to the latest advices from the front lines. In all the northern fighting grievous casualties have been inflicted on the Germans.

Between Merville and Givenchy also there have been heavy engagements. In this section the invaders were hurled back. Further British successes are to be recorded for the zone below Arras, although this sector has retired to the background since the drive to Hazebrouck began.

Not only have the British scored numerous enemy masses at Bucquoy, but they have forced the Germans out of Boyelles and re-established themselves in this place.

All this was most heartening, although no delusions are held as to the prospects of further mighty blows by the Prussian machine.

Army Glad at Bold Move.
Had anyone said months ago that there would soon be rejoicing in the British withdrawal and abandon the Passchendaele Ridge system, which was won with such difficulty last summer, it would have excited derision. But the whole British army is glad at this bold move. It not only lessens the danger from the enemy drive about Arras, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. It seems hard in a way to give up ridges over which the British battled forward in such a heroic manner, but it is decidedly for the best and will help defeat Prussians.

The retirement was a result of mature judgment and was no snap-shot affair, for it was known it was pending. The new lines had been prepared and artillery had been placed in position before the infantry quickly began to pull back under cover of darkness.

If the Germans anticipated any such move they did not look for it at the time it happened. They began to push cautiously forward when it became apparent that nothing unusual had happened. They found the forward positions vacant and then advanced in greater numbers. Then the British artillery opened at an opportune moment and deluged the whole territory with an inferno of fire, which worked havoc among the wandering infantry.

The Germans must now pull forward and once more man the ditch and shell, and they will have to drag their artillery up over bad ground to the positions which it occupied before the British offensive began last summer. It will be an undesirable task.

Coincidentally with their drives around Baillieu and to the north, the Germans have continued to push hard to the south.

Blinded by Indigestion
And Tortured by Headache—Spells Became More and More Frequent Until Cure Was Found

Ingonish Beach, N. S., April 17—Chronic indigestion is hard to get rid of because the treatments used aim at relief rather than at removing the cause. This letter shows how the trouble develops from constipation until the digestive system is upset, the food ferments, and headaches and blinding dizzy spells result.

In this case cure was effected by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Mrs. Donovan writes that she has never had a headache since. This seems to be conclusive evidence of the thoroughness of the cure.

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Of Merville in order to get to the line of La Basse Canal. The enemy had expected to get through Bethune and most of the waterway on the first or second day of the offensive in this sector, but the determined defence offered upset all their calculations. The Germans have only a few good roads in this region, over which they can send their transports, and these highways are kept under continual fire by the British artillery and are being bombed so constantly that they are filled with the wreckage of the enemy transport and dead horses.

Numerous enemy attacks have been delivered about Locon, but in every case they were repulsed. Yesterday at Pacaut Wood, northwest of Locon, an unusual engagement was staged, when the German and British infantry advanced at the same moment for an attack and clashed in the forest. Heavy hand-to-hand fighting ensued. The British claimed a slight advantage when the Germans had been repulsed. A battery of German field guns stationed on the eastern edge of the wood was completely smashed and all the crew either killed or captured.

The enemy bombardment of the region of Villers-Bretonneux has continued, but no attack in this region has developed. A prisoner captured near Hebuterne on April 14 says that the enemy has been on short rations and that the only food which some of the troops had was what they captured. All the Germans are surprised at the quality of the British rations, and the feeling generally is growing that the German troops have been deceived greatly by the supposed success of the submarine campaign. One prisoner admitted that the German losses were very heavy.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS
PRIZED BY MOTHERS

Mrs. Henry Vanreder, Rodney, Ont., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for the past five years and prize them very much. They have proved of such value to me that I always keep them in the house. Once my mother-in-law used Baby's Own Tablets she would use nothing else. They are thorough but mild in action and never fail to heal, but it is decidedly for the best and will help defeat Prussians."

RECENT DEATHS

Alfred Fraser, Page.
Henry C. Page yesterday received word of the death in Washington of his brother, Alfred Fraser, Page, formerly of this city. Mr. Page, who was a son of the late Richard H. and Anne Page of St. John, lived in Bridgeport, Conn., but had gone to Washington to look after the electrical work in connection with the new war building there, he being an electrical engineer. He was taken ill in Washington and underwent a serious operation, from which he died the following day. The news of his death came to relatives and friends here as a great shock.

He leaves, besides his wife, who was formerly Miss Florence Reid, of Brockville (Ont.), a daughter and a son; two brothers, Henry C. Page of St. John, and William E. Page, of Toledo, Ohio; and three sisters, Mrs. Gordon B. Crowe, of Truro (N. S.); Mrs. Edwin Moore, of Vancouver, and Miss Charlotte Page, of Hartford (Conn.).

H. H. Melanson.
Moncton, April 17—(Special)—The death of Hilaire H. Melanson occurred this morning. He was a most highly respected resident of Scoudouc. The deceased had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. He is survived by one son, Mr. H. Melanson, Baetouche, and one sister, Mde. Lydia Pellerin, Shediac; also five sons, Henry H., general traffic manager C. H., Anselme H., jeweller of this city; Clement, Patrick and Phillip at home.

Viola Pearl Kitchen, widow of Joseph Kitchen, died at her home in Kingsclear on Monday, aged twenty-one years. She is survived by two children, Cliff, and Grace, and also parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Kitchen.

Charles Tracey died Monday afternoon at his son's residence in Fredericton. He was ninety-four years of age. He is survived by one son, Charles E., and one daughter, Mrs. H. McCleary, of Fredericton Junction.

The death of Mrs. James Donohue, of Irishtown, occurred on Monday. She is survived by her husband, four sons: Edward, of Irishtown; Wilfred of the C. G. R. shops; Fred, overseas; and Thomas at home; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas at home; and four brothers, James Mulrooney of Moncton, John Mulrooney, Harcourt; Michael of Boston; and Thomas Mulrooney, Mrs. James McQuaid and Mrs. Peter Donald of Moncton are sisters.

The death of Robert Watson Whitlock occurred at Chipman Hospital, St. Stephen, yesterday afternoon after a long illness. Mr. Whitlock was a prominent citizen of St. Stephen and was fifty-five years of age.

Mrs. A. W. Murray passed away at her home in Amherst yesterday morning. She leaves her husband and three sons.

After witnessing a murder from her back yard, Mrs. Vincenzo Esposito, of Fairview, N. J., fell dead.

WORSE OFF THAN
BEFORE GREAT
DRIVE BEGAN

French So Size Up Position Of The Germans

THIS NOT THE LAST BATTLE

Regarded, However, as Having Decisive Influence on the War—Enemy Now Suffering Effects of Former Vandalism

With the French Army in France, April 17—(By the Associated Press)—While the cannon continue to roar along the battle line, there has for some days been a virtual cessation of infantry combats, especially on the French part of the front. It is believed that the lull will prove temporary, and, despite their terrific losses and the exhaustion of many of their divisions, it is considered possible that the German general staff is merely pausing to gather forces for another effort to break through. Any such effort is awaited contentedly by the Allies.

Almost without exception it is thought the present battle will have a decisive influence on the result of the war, but it would be an error to regard it as the last battle.

So far as it has gone, the German offensive may be looked on as a failure, since none of its objectives have been attained and the Allied armies are still intact, while the Germans now, owing to the diminution of their forces through casualties, are in an inferior position to that which they occupied before the battle began. The only result that can show is the recapture of a large tract of country they themselves devastated, where they may be compelled to dig themselves in. They are doing this in some parts of their new front, but under continual harrying by the Allied commonwealth for working parties, the Germans falling all the trees in the Somme sector before they retreated last year, the French and British gunners have a perfectly clear view for working parties, the Germans may decide, or be allowed, to remain there until all is in favor of the Allies, who are awaiting constant increase of their strength through the arrival of American contingents.

MORNING NEWS
OVER THE WIRES

A London despatch announces that the government's main power bill has passed the second reading of the House of Lords.

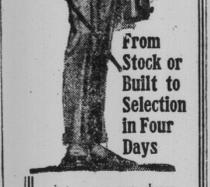
The British Admiralty report fifteen ships sunk during the week. Eleven were over 1,600 tons. The arrivals numbered 2,211 sailings, 2,456.

The Spanish vessel Louisa has been torpedoed. Three of the crew were lost.

TOWN ELECTIONS.
Shediac, April 17—The town election took place yesterday and went by acclamation with the exception of ward one. The council is as follows: Mayor, A. W. McQueen; ward one, James Cassey, Philip Theriault; ward two, Dr. A. Sormany, J. F. Legee; ward three, Leon Cassidy, R. A. Legee; ward four, A. Roberts, P. T. Richard.

Sackville, April 17—The elections for Sackville were held on Tuesday. H. M. Wood was elected mayor by acclamation. The aldermen are Estabrooks, McKenle, Charles Pawcett, Dr. Fraser, Capt. Anderson, D. A. R. Fraser, Fred Tingley and Dr. Sangster.

An alarm from Box 42 called out the firemen a little after midnight for a slight fire, in a small workshop at 261 Duke street, owned by O. C. Ward.



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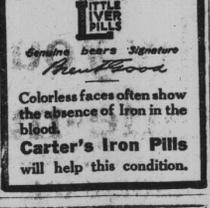
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You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive, and four ounces is all you will need. The simple remedy has never been known to fail.

GERMAN INDUSTRY CAUSING GREATER CONQUEST SPIRIT

Need Military Victory and Annexations to Protect Against Economic War

Reprints in Trade—If U. S. Will Not Supply Raw Materials Germany Will Hold Potash and Dyesuffs

The Hague, April 17—There has been a marked change in the German attitude toward the Central Powers. The Reichstag peace resolution and apparently the Socialist party has been unable to withstand the pressure of German labor opinion, which for some months has repeatedly given voice to its anger over the unconditional spirit of the Entente.

Much of this change in the public mind has been brought about by the menace of a commercial and industrial war after the world war, and in this respect America's attitude probably has been most effective.

The press publishes daily articles dealing with these problems. They say: "If America sells us no cotton, she shall get no potash, which is a fertilizer almost indispensable to impoverished agricultural land. Germany has a world monopoly of potash. If America gives us no petrol and no grain she shall get no dye materials, no drugs, no glass-ware, no optical instruments and nothing else that Germany has exported to the United States in the past."

"It is as yet not known to Germany to what extent the United States will depend upon such imports after the war, but it is generally assumed that none of the other belligerents, nor any neutral country, will be able to take Germany's place as a producer of all the goods America used to buy from Germany."

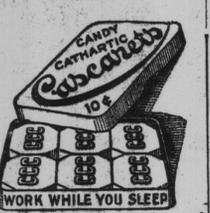
Emigration to Europe.
The Deutsche Zeitung makes the point that if America expects her industries to continue prosperous after the war she must encourage immigration, but says that because of the European war there will be none, and on the contrary a large emigration from the United States to Europe, especially to Germany. Thus the Zeitung argues, the United States cannot afford to conduct a commercial war with Germany.

Professor Troelch says commerce and industry will find themselves seriously handicapped after the war. Although

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heretofore one of the most indefatigable champions of a peace of conciliation without annexations, he now publishes an article in the Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten, in which he says:

"As Brierly and Belfort appear in quite a different light today, so does the question of Belgium. Here, we must demand an eye for an eye, and one necessity must count against another. It would never do for us to play general benefactor."

What Professor Troelch alludes to is openly demanding by Germany's captains of industry, who insist that Brierly and Longwy, besides a strip of French land wide enough to protect the iron mines from hostile guns in any future war be

SHE DARKENED HER GRAY HAIR

Well Known Lady Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair With Simple Home Made Remedy.

Mrs. E. H. Boots, a well known resident of Buchanan County, Ia., who darkened her gray hair by a simple home-made remedy made the following statement:

"Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray or faded hair, and make it soft and glossy with this simple recipe, which they can mix at home. To half a pint of water add 1 ounce of bay rum, one small box of Orlon Compound and 1-4 ounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be purchased at any drug store at a very little cost. Apply to the hair every other day until the gray hair is darkened sufficiently. It does not color the scalp; is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off. It will make a gray haired person look 10 to 20 years younger."

PATRONAGE IN DEPARTMENT IS ABOLISHED

Minister of Militia so Announces in House of Commons at Ottawa

Ottawa, April 18—In the House of Commons yesterday, in supply on the military estimates, the government was questioned as to the existence of patronage lists. The minister of militia replied that patronage had been abolished, that he had given verbal orders to this effect at a conference attended by the commanders of the various military districts of the dominion.

A resolution of the minister of labor to encourage and aid the organization and co-ordination of employment offices and in this connection to appropriate \$50,000 during 1918-19, \$100,000 during the following year, and in subsequent years \$150,000, was adopted and a bill based upon it was given first reading.

Second reading of a bill to provide salaries for the minister of the overseas military forces, the secretary of state for external affairs, the minister of immigration and colonization, and the minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment was given but there was some criticism.

Captain Read suggested the appointment of a minister of fisheries, if the government was considering dividing any more of the departments.

The prime minister promised consideration and A. B. Cope recommended that if a minister were appointed he should be chosen from Prince Edward Island.

incorporated into the German Empire. Borsig, chief of the famous house of August Borsig, writes in the Vossische Zeitung, the menace of economical war after the war, as decided on by the Paris conference, has made it imperative for Germany to seek independent sources of raw products.

The Paris conference is merely used as an excuse to air the annexationist desires, which, however, are now no longer cloaked.

"The deposits if iron ore in Longwy and Briey," Borsig says, "would make us quite independent of any importation of raw material. We could spare even the Swedish ore. Even if we were to treat France leniently and generously and leave her in possession of these districts, we have no security that it will serve us likewise."

Great Iron Industry.
"The iron industry is wonderful, a great tree in the midst of the field of the German industry. Its roots are the supply of raw products; its trunk the iron mills and steel works, upon which spread flourishing branches of many-sided industry. During the war it has been very difficult to keep this splendid tree alive for half its roots extend to foreign countries. This tree has been growing close to the German border line. If we want to secure it we must take enough territory to make sure that in the future its roots need not wander beyond the German frontier."

The fact that President Wilson, in his recent Baltimore speech, gave prominence to his use of the word "force" impressed the German press, for most of the papers use his word in their headlines.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung calls Mr. Wilson the "force politician." It declares the speech worthless as an historical document, and says it was meant only to have a political and psychological effect on the Americans. Mr. Wilson, the paper asserts, has not been over-careful about keeping to the truth, as he is only considering immediate results.

Business Procrastinators.
"It is now the business procrastinators of the big American world-war business," says the Volks Zeitung, "the Wall Street

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Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c a vial at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

BRITISH VICTORIES IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA

London, April 17—The official statement on military activities in East Africa says:

"On April 6 one of General Northey's columns occupied Mahua and pushed eastward. On April 11 this column heavily engaged a German main force and inflicted severe losses on them. On the same day General Edwards' troops executed a night march and seized Medowboms on April 12 after an all day engagement in which the German losses were severe. The enemy was driven in the direction of Mwalu."

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