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BRITISH ROLLING UP END HE HINDENBURG LINE

GUATEMALANS JOIN BATTLE FOR FREEDOM

Little Central America Republic **Breaks Off Relations** With Germany.

Washington, April 28.—Guatemala has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, handed to the German minister his passports and cancelled the exequaturs of German consuls there.

Official advices of the break, coming from the American legation in Guatemala City, say Presicant Estrada Cabrera assigned the reason for his act his desire to stand with the United States in the fight for democracy and the preservation of international law.

For some time President Cabrera's advisers here have been urging him to take the step and join the family of nations against Prussian autocracy.

Congress Convened To Meet on May 3 Will Decide the Question.

GERMAN MINISTER LEAVES

Declaration of War Would Add Greatly to Strength of the Allies.

Rio Janeiro, April 28.—The decision as to whether Brazil will follow up her breach of relations with Germany by a declaration of war, will be made

ised during 1917 and 1918. Chancellor the Exchequer Bonar Law later ated in the House of Commons that a amount expected to be raised in dia was one hundred million pounds erling.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. wing were the highest and lowest ratures recorded in London during hours previous to 8 o'clock last Highest, 49; lowest, 33. official temperatures for the 12 hest, 43; lowest, 27.

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Ottawa 48 38 Fair
Montreal 46 38 Cloudy
Quebec 44 32 Cloudy
Father Point 42 32 Snow
Weather Notes.
The barometer is unsually high over
Northern Canada and low to the westward.

ward.
The weather continues very cool throughout the Dominion, and particularly so in the Maritime Provinces, where at some points there has been a

SEVEN SOLDIERS WHO RETURNED TODAY FROM OVERSEAS



Evangelist Work Worthy of Adequate Reward, Only Fair View.

AT AFTERNOON MEETING

Genius of Sunday Seen When Audience Is Small and

By Irvin S. Cobb.

THIRD OF A SERIIES OF ARTICLES ON BILLY SUNDAY'S NEW YORK REVIVAL, WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE LONDON ADVERTISER. New York, April 28.—I have just come rom seeing the hardest worked man in his country. That man was the Rev. Silly Sunday, evangelist-extraordinary.

VOLUNTEER AMENDMENTS FROM THE ARMY MEASURE

Washington, April 28.—Administration forces overthrew opponents of the Administration selective conscription bill attuck the volunteer amendments from the measure.

The vote came on an amendment by Representative Kahn, who has led the light for the Administration bill, moving to strike out the volunteer amendments inserted by a majority of the nilitary committee against the protests of the President and the army was made by a vote of 13 to 11.

Toronto, April 28.—Telegrams received at the Board of Trade here today struck the winnipeg from the House on the first vote today and struck the volunteer amendments from the House on the first vote today and struck the volunteer amendment by Representative Kahn, who has led the light for the Administration bill, moving to strike out the volunteer amendment inserted by a majority of the nilitary committee against the protests of the President and the territory in the rear. We fought the Busin batteries with appreciable effect.

"Yesterday afternoon at Monchy several British attacks broke down before our lines, with heavy losses. "Today at dawn the artillery battle increased to extreme violence from Minneapolis say that the council of the French Socialist party has decided not to send delegates to the held in Stockholm on May 15. The decinion was made by a vote of 13 to 11.

BEFORE KITCHENER JUDGING.

Kitchener, Ont., April 28.—Rev

TO SUBSCRIBERS

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NIVELLE'S BIG BAG

London, April 28 .- The French seemingly have completed the ount of the prisoners and booty taken in the recent fighting on the western fronts. They cap-412 machine guns and 119 trench guns. The prisoners total 20,780.

HINDENBURG PEEVED BY SOUND WHIPPING **ALONG ARRAS FRONT**

WINNIPEG EXCHANGE PUTS STOP TO THE SPECULATION;

Latest Casualty

List Shows 10,857 Since April Ninth

Ottawa, April 28.—There are 350 names in the noon casualty list to-day, making a grand total since April 9 of 10,857. The latest list is made up of 143 killed in action, 16 died of wounds, 10 missing and 181 wounded or ill. Most of these casalties occurred on dates during the

ON COULTAGUES

Says Perley and White Worked Against Him in England.

[Special to The Advertiser.] New York, April 28.—If have just come to make a declaration of war, will be maded by the Brazilian Congress when it convenes on May 3.

Congress will be maked to declare that a state of war has been created by the act of Germany, if this action in talken it will be followed by the seizure of German ships in Brazilian point of German ships in Brazilian point of the Allies, and other measure of a military nature.

Adolf Pauli, German minister to Brazil, left. No Janeiro last nisht with lister took over plans. The Dutch minister took over plans and the west to and froe pounding his later took over plans. The Dutch minister took over plans and the content of the man and his methods that inger took over plans. The Dutch minister took over plans and the declaration of the work of the man and his methods that inger took over plans and the content of the man and his methods that has made if the first have been particularly annothed the Lindsay, April 28.—Sir Sam Hughes today took advantage of his renomina

LEGITIMATE ORDERS ONLY NO FRENCH DELEGATES

CANADIANS RIGHT IN THE FRONT GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER OF GEN. HAIG'S WINNING SMASH

lives against the irresistible pressure of the 'contemptible little British army," said one of the British generals today, as quoted by Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters.

At the moment of wiring his dispatch the correspondent adds, the situation was somewhat nebulous, as must inevitably be the case in the early stages of such heavy fighting. The conflict is progressing flercely. By means of prisoners already taken several fresh German divisions have been identified.

Half of Oppy Village Also Falls Into British Hands.

PRISONERS COMING IN

Germans Making Most Stubborn Resistance, Fighting Desperately.

London, April 28.—Reuter's says:
"The British attack was launched at
daybreak. Its chief feature, as far as
reports, have been received, is the extreme bitterness of the fighting.
"The German advanced positions
north of the Scarpe contained many
disconnected defences of great natural
strength, the extent of which could be
determined only by the test of attacks. In fact, the action in the past
week had become reminiscent of the
'ate autumn fighting in the Somme
Valley when every shell crater became
a potential machine gun trap. One
great distinction, however, is pointed reat distinction, however, is pointed out by the correspondent in that the British are now spared the pestilential mud which made progress quite impossible in the fall.

Wired Defences.

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"Behind the advanced positions of arrying distances from the line which the British have been holding runs what has become known as the Oppy ine, a regular wired system of trenches to which the British guns have been awing very demonstrative attention for some days. for some days.

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The brain attack progressed favorably to the north of Gavrelle, and prisoners soon began to come back. South of Gavrelle we made progress in the direction of Greenland Hill, and are reported to have occupied a trench running south from the Scarpe,

Stubborn Resistance.

"The enemy resistance is apparently the most stubborn between Gavrelle and the Scarpe, it being particularly fierce in the wood west of Roeux. The latest report is that our men have occupied Arleux and have forced their way through half the village of Oppy. The Germans are counter-attacking at both these places with desperate fury. Smothering artillery fire makes it difficult to see just how thing are going. "Weather is fine and warm, although the visibility is not so wide as outpressed."

AGAIN CLOSED UP TIGHT

THE WAR SITUATION

Haig Strikes Fast and Heavily

To Turn the Enemy's Defences;

New Tremendous Battle Raging;

Two German Positions Carried

Another smashing drive by the British on the French front was begun today. Gen. Haig reports an advance on an extended front north of the Scarpe. The attack already has scored good progress and is continuing. Heavy fighting has developed, the Germans throwing fresh divisions into the fray.

The field of the new push lies within the ten-mile front from the Scarpe to the coal city of Lens, which the British have had under their guns on three sides for nearly

Gen. Haig already had pushed a deep wedge into the German line three miles north of the Scarpe, at Gavrelle, and was figting today to enlarge this opening. Every yard he gains there is making the German front between that point and Lens more difficult to hold A considerable part of the force of the present heavy attack seems to be aimed at this part of the line. At two points along this stretch the British are reported to have advanced more than a mile, as far as Arleux and Oppy, but definite possession of these villages appar-ently was a question for the furious fighting of the day to settle

French Batteries Busy. While the British are thus giving successfully cope with in the northern sector of the great battlefield, the French are keeping up a heavy artillery fire south from St. Quentin all around the curve in the line

Germany Theatens Reprisal If Huns On Hospital Ships

into the Champagne.

Object to Their Being Exposed to the Danger of Torpedoes.

Copenhagen, April 28—Via London.— Announcement was made before the Reichstag main committee in Berlin yesterday that Germany will adopt the sharpest reprisals if German prisoners are embarked on hospital ships of the Allies and exposed to the danger of torpedoes.

"Weather is fine and warm, although the visibility is not so wide as out airmen would wish."

THE ENEMY'S REPORT.

Berlin, April 28.—Via London, 4:05 p.m.—The artillery fighting increased at dawn today between Loos and St. Quentin, says today's official statement. Soen thereafter infantry fighting mass resumed along this whole front. The text of the German announced that massing of these vessels had been removed, and furthermore that virtually all the hospital ships had on board German wounded, who would be exposed to submarine attacks. The French Government announced that on account of Germany's policy German prisoners would be embarked on French hospital ships.

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BEFORE KITCHENER JUDGE

Kitchener, Ont., April 28.—Rev. Ernest Harris, claiming to be an Anglican clergyman, and Mrs. Gertrude Wambach, who were arrested in Hespeler on Thursday on a charge of blgamy, both elected summary trial before Judge Hanning this morning and pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred

FIGHTING FOR LIFE AGAINST British and German Armies After All Night Battle Are Surging Back and Forth In Titanic Combat, British Having Launched New Smashing Attack on Vast Scale

STAGGERING LOSSES FOR HUNS INMANY DESPERATE COUNTERS

[BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS.] [Special Cable to the Advertiser.]

With the British Armies Afield, April 28 .- British troops have turned the German "Wotan line."

Half of the village of Oppy, believed to be the northernmost town of this German defence front, was captured today in desperately hot fighting. Arleux, a trifle further to the north, also fell to the tremendous British assault.

Information from other sections of the British front reaching the spot from which this dispatch is written detailed fighting on a tremendous scale of

FOUGHT ALL NIGHT.

Around Oppy and Arleux it was still progressing after a night of never-ceasing clash. The armies on both sides swayed back and forth in the struggle. The latest report today showed the British still in possession of half of Oppy and all of Arleux, and beating back desperate German counter-attacks.

STRUCK HARD AND FAST.

Around Gavrelle Haig's offensive was still gaining ground. A steady stream of prisoners from this bloody angle were being shifted back of the lines to the south, as part of his gigantic push, Haig's troops were thrown toward Greenland Hill. They struck hard and fast at massed German forces, and swarmed over into a German trench running south of the Scarpe.

GERMAN LOSSES STAGGERING.

There they stuck fast, despite tremendous blows launched by the Germans. Not even literal melting away of the German attackers in the face of murderous machine gun fire and the steel curtain of British artillery stopped the desperate enemy counter-thrusts. The German losses are staggering in their attacks.

At the present moment the most bitter fighting, however, was apparently in progress in the woods to the west of Roeux-just above the Scarpe. There the front was literally being mowed down by artillery fire, and the moss stained red with rivulets of blood as the Germans madly attacked; were locked in bitter conflict; then thrown back, only to reform and attack again. Meanwhile the British inched further and further forward.

GERMAN TRENCHES RAIDED.

Paris, April 28 .- Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night between St. Quentin and the Oise and in the Champagne, the war office reports. On the Verdun front the French raided German trenches west of the Meuse and brought back prisoners from the sector of Hill 304.

Since April 16 the French have captured 175 cannon of all calibres, 412 machine guns and 119 trench mortars. The number of prisoners has reached 20,780.

NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED

British Headquarters in France, April 28.-Via London, 2:30 p.m.-(From a aff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Another attack was launched by the British early this morning. The blow was struck on the front between the scarpe River and Lens, on the ground over which some of the most desperate &fighting has occurred since the British inaugurated their offensive on Easter

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STRUGGLE IS BITTER

The struggle now in progress is very bitter. The Germans, in anticipation udge Hanning this morning and of another British effort, had brought up reinforcements. Fresh German di-leaded guilty. Sentence was deferred visions have been identified by the British.

By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 28—One again the Canadians have driven German picked troops from carefully prepared positions which they were confident of holding.

In the grey dawn of this (Saturday) morning, after a first grey dawn of this (Saturday) morning, after a first grey dawn of this continual labor of thousands of the enemy advanced under intensity of the protection toops advanced under the protection toops and ordered to be held at all costs to harrye which swept the ground through which they held to pass with the ground through which they held to pass with the ground through which they held to pass with the ground through which they held to pass with the ground through which they held to pass with the protection of the protection of the British army upon the plain to wards Doual.

Zurich. Switzerland, April 28—Via paris.—The German-Swiss frontier has been strictly closed to all travelers and one week.

In the Canadian Army Headquarters, April 28—The German-Swiss frontier has been strictly closed to all travelers and postal services. No German newspapers of Arleux.

SpanISH SUB ARRIVES.

Madrid, via Peris, April 28—The first submarine of the Spanish fleet, the first submarine of the Spanish fleet, the submarine of the Spanish fleet, the submarine of the Spanish fleet, the premier of Bavaria, agas disparted from Munich, by way of an advanced under intensity of the submarine, on account of damage darks of the certain love week.

In the Canadian Army Headquarters, April 28—The first is a sally the prelided trench very large of the morning forces of Germans. The artillety prepared positions which had been in progress for several days did much damage to the defence works, but there remained many troublesome strong points between the defence works, but there remained many troublesome strong points between the defence works, but there remained many troublesome strong points between the defence works, but there of the defence works,