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Another Spot Is Hammered But In Vain
Germans Attempt to Break Defences Preparatory to Infantry Attack.
ASSAULT EXPECTED
From Arras to Lens the Allies Are Ready for Enemy's Masses.
Associated Press Summary of Events From the War Zone.
Facing American, French and British troops strongly entrenched and well equipped for battle, the German army has for the moment given up its direct drive against Amiens. Following utter repulse in his efforts to smash straight thru to his objective, the enemy is now attempting a new manoeuvre, which is intended to broaden the field of action and reduce the menace of a counter-offensive which would nullify all the gains made by the Teutons since March 27.

Reports from the battle line in Picardy disclose the first stages of this new German offensive aimed at breaking across the lower ground along the Allied lines. From La Bassée Canal in the north, to the sectors east of Laon, the great artillery forces of the enemy are thundering, with the bombardment decreasing at places to the intensity of drum fire.
The length of this front is approximately 120 miles. North of Lens, east of Arras, along the new front running thru Buquoy to Albert, south to Mesnil-les-Hurlus, and east to Laassigny and Noyon to a point far beyond Chauny, the Germans are hammering the Allied lines in an attempt to break across the lower ground and prepare them for the infantry assault which may be expected at any moment.

On the western "elbow" of the salient in the Allied lines the Germans are forced to fight uphill. Their advance across the lower ground and along the hills which sentineled the road to Amiens. Attacks along this natural salient have netted the enemy only insignificant gains at a terrible cost. At points the German efforts have gained, but these gains have resulted only in the formation of sharp salients which are swept by rifle and machine gun fire and tempests of shells wherever enemy troops are seen forming for an attack.
There is a wholesome respect in the German general staff for the Allied reserve army, which as yet appears to have been drawn upon lightly to meet the Teutonic attacks. The attack on the Villages of Folembray, the Berlin official statement claims that 2000 prisoners have been taken.
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The Turkish troops are reported to be invading the Caucasus, where they will take possession of the territories which were given them under the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk.
The landing of British and Japanese forces at Vladivostok seems to have been merely for the purpose of policing that city. No steps toward ejecting them have yet been taken by the Bolshevik authorities.
Both Ministers Have Denied Reports They Will Resign
Ottawa, April 8.—There is no confirmation here of the reports sent out that Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, and Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, are to resign. Both ministers deny the reports.

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GERMANS ATTEMPT ADVANCE SOUTH OF THE OISE HEREDITARY TITLES IN CANADA ARE SOON TO BE ABOLISHED

OFFICIAL PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE

Bolshevik Commissioner Regrets That Allies Permitted Troop Landing.
RED ARMY ORGANIZED
Russians Fear First Step in Japanese Occupation of Siberia.

Moscow, April 7.—The Japanese landing at Vladivostok has created great excitement in Moscow. The people's commissioners held a session which lasted through Friday night, considering the situation.
M. Teichtcherin, the acting commissioner of foreign affairs, summoned the French, British and American diplomats; representatives to the foreign office for a conference. Colonel Raymond Robins, head of the permanent American Red Cross Mission to Russia, attended unofficially. Consul General acted for France, and R. Lockhart of the British embassy, for Great Britain.
M. Teichtcherin made an emphatic protest against the entry of foreign troops into Russia, and expressed regret that the Allies permitted such action. He said the only solution was the immediate withdrawal of the troops.
Situation is Local.
Although without official advice from their governments concerning the situation at Vladivostok, the representatives of the three countries expressed the opinion that the situation required by local measures, requiring temporary policing, and not a general movement of allied troops into Siberia, as the commissioners seemed to believe. All three expressed their opinion that the incident might be settled at an early date.
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The Siberian central executive of the workmen and soldiers' deputies immediately expressed their regret against the landing of troops as unwarranted interference, not justified by the insignificant incident at Vladivostok.
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British Airplanes Active

Six Enemy Machines Brought Down, Nine Others Driven Out of Control, and Tons of Bombs Dropped.

London, April 8.—The official statement on aerial operations tonight says: "The visibility was good Sunday and several good targets were engaged by our low-flying airplanes, whose pilots dropped ten tons of bombs and fired a great many rounds upon hostile troops and transports upon the battle front.
"South of the Somme the hostile aircraft were active. Six enemy machines were brought down in the air-fighting and nine were driven out of control. Two were shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. Four of our machines were missing.
"During the night five and a half tons of bombs were dropped on the Douai railway station and Bapaume."

SURPRISE IS TRIED AGAINST AMERICANS

Enemy's Attempt Dispersed Without Being Able to Reach Any Positions.
With the American Army in France, April 8.—A large German patrol attempted a surprise attack on the American outposts in the sector north-west of Toul early this morning, but was dispersed without being able to reach any of the American positions.
A corporal in a listening post saw until they were within a few yards of them and challenged. The enemy answered with rifle fire; whereupon the American gun and automatic fire, scattering the Germans and driving them back to their own lines.
A violent artillery duel went on all through the night along the whole length of the American front. The Germans threw more shells into the American positions than in any similar period for the past few months. The American batteries replied vigorously.

PEACE PROPAGANDA.

Mathias Erzberger Hatches Scheme for International Investment of Capital.
Copenhagen, April 8.—The Berlin Tagliche Rundschau says that Mathias Erzberger, the Central leader, is planning a great propaganda in favor of international and economic peace. His scheme includes agreements for the placing of British and American capital in German industries, so that at least half of the money invested in German industries would be invested in England. He advocates also that the three countries should have identical labor legislation.

THREE BIG CHURCHES WILL MERGE IN ONE

Are Most Widely Known to the Presbyterians of United States.
New York, April 8.—Three New York Presbyterian churches, which are among the most widely known of the Presbyterian church in America, will be merged in the immediate future. They are the Madison Square, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, pastor; the University Place, the Rev. Geo. Alexander, pastor; and the Old First Church, the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffell, pastor. The presbytery announced today it had approved of a plan to combine them under the name of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City.
The three pastors have all tendered their resignations, but a committee asked that all be retained as co-pastors until final action after the completion of the merger.

ALL RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ARE ORDERED DISARMED

Petrograd, April 8.—In reply to a protest of the Smolny institute against the landing of German troops in Finland, Germany has sent a wireless ultimatum demanding, in accordance with article 5 of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, the removal or disarmament of all Russian warships in Finnish waters by noon April 12. The Smolny institute has ordered the commander of the fleet to accede to this demand. The German and Ukrainian troops being within thirty versts of Kharkov, the soviet has quit that town.

PURELY LOCAL INCIDENT

Japanese Diplomatic Mission Explains Landing at Vladivostok.
London, April 8.—A Reuter despatch from Moscow says the Japanese diplomatic mission has issued a statement, guaranteeing that the landing of Japanese forces at Vladivostok is purely a local incident and declaring that its object will soon be fulfilled.

Enemy Advance is Hindered By the French Near Coucy

Paris, April 8.—The war office announcement tonight says: "During the course of the day the enemy pressure continued north of the Ailette river in the region of the Lower Coucy forest. The advanced sections of our troops resisted and hindered the advance of the enemy, who was in great superior numbers, inflicting upon him heavy losses."
The meeting also passed a resolution setting itself on record as favoring a policy of giving power to the association to elect representatives to seats on municipal councils, to seats on the provincial house and in the Dominion house.

HEAVY GAS ATTACKS IN THE LENS SECTOR

Large Quantities Also Thrown in by Germans East of Arras.
With the British Army in France, April 8.—From eight o'clock last night until midnight the enemy heavily bombarded with gas shells the area between Cite St. Emilie and La Bassée canal in the Lens sector. The Germans also threw large quantities of gas east of Arras. The hostile artillery fire was above normal along the whole stretch of battlefield north of the Scarpe.
Late last night the German guns also were very active in the area south of Villers Bretonneux, below the Somme. Again this morning at 4.50 o'clock the German guns opened a terrific fire southwest of Hangard wood. About an hour later the hostile artillery broke out again, the French just south of the British.
Throughout Sunday the German gunning was unusually heavy in the region of Arras.

No Embargo on Cattle to U. S.

Minister of Agriculture Denies That Government Has Instituted One.
Ottawa, April 8.—Hon. T. A. Cramer, minister of agriculture, when asked this evening as to the rumored embargo on cattle shipments from Canada to the United States, said that the government had instituted no such embargo. No action in this direction had been taken, he said.

COLONY OF GERMANS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Presbyterian Home Mission Superintendent Makes Report to Board on It.
PREACHERS ARE SCARCE
Few American Theological Students Can Fill Charges This Summer.

Forty thousand Germans have invaded and massed together and entrenched in one alien settlement in southern Saskatchewan and menace Canadian institutions according to clear cut reports made by Rev. Dr. Peter Strang, Presbyterian Home Mission superintendent.
Dr. Strang in an official statement says that the forty thousand Germans are largely settled in colonies, making them more difficult to reach and Canadianize.
"We are building a nation in Canada today and one of our difficulties in building these people into it is that they are thus massed together, many of them alien in thought and ideal and some of them perhaps in sympathy. The Germans say little and are quietly cultivating their farms."
The question of dealing with this German settlement from the Presbyterian Home Mission viewpoint, will be before the Home Mission Board of the general assembly in its approaching meeting in Toronto.
The German settlements in the southern half of Saskatchewan form a substantial minority, being 40,000 against 200,000 English-speaking settlers. There are also 15,000 French-speaking settlers there.

Toronto

Results of examinations at Knox College are announced.
Additional lists of defaulters under the Military Service Act, totaling 117, are given out.
The Dominion police say last week was the best in results shown in rounding up defaulters.
Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, speaking at Carleton Place, says the British Empire has protected the world.
The Dominion police apprehended 480 alleged Draft Act defaulters in this military district last week.
In Toronto military district it is estimated there are 1083 Draft Act defaulters not yet accounted for.
Rev. Dr. Chown conducts the first special prayer service of a series in Metropolitan Methodist Church.
The British Imperial Association of Earlscourt decides to press for an increase in the wages of postmen.
Accidental death in the verdict of the jury inquiring into the death of William Hearn, killed at the British Forgings on March 21.
Central branch, G. W. V. A., start inquiring into a report that Bulgarians in Toronto met to rejoice over the German offensive.
Rev. Dr. Strang, in a report to the Presbyterian Home Mission Board, tells of the difficulties encountered in German settlements in Saskatchewan.
Gocho Christoff, the last man known to be with Vasil George before his death, and who was held as a material witness, is to be arraigned tomorrow on the charge of murdering George.

MUST RESIGN SEATS

Marcell and Verville Have New Jobs in Government of Montreal.
Montreal, April 8.—The appointment of the Hon. Charles Marcell, M.P., and Alphonse Verville, M.P., to the commission to govern the City of Montreal will necessitate their giving up of their seats in the commons, it is understood that their resignations as members for Bonaventure and St. Denis (Montreal), respectively, will be sent at once to the Speaker of the house.
The retiring members, in explaining matters to their electors, it is said, are likely to recommend the nomination in Bonaventure of Edward MacDonald, ex-M.P., and in St. Denis, of the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in both cases with the approval of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

NOTHING OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO REPORT

London, April 8.—"Except for hostile artillery activity on different parts of the battlefield, and especially near Buquoy," says Field Marshal Haig's statement from France tonight, "there is nothing of special interest to report."
GERMAN REPORT.
Claim Made That French Are Being Forced Back.
Berlin, via London, April 8.—The powerful German pressure along the Oise is forcing the French back at the lower outskirts of Coucy Wood, according to the official report from general headquarters this evening, which says: "In continuation of our attack on the southern bank of the Oise we drove the enemy out of his strong positions on the heights east of Coucy-le-Chateau."
HERTLING WON'T SPEAK.
Present is Time for Deeds Not Words, Says Report From Berlin.
Amsterdam, April 8.—A semi-official telegram from Berlin says: "We learn from a competent source that Imperial Chancellor von Hertling has no intention, as reported of speaking shortly in the reichstag. He is rather of the opinion that the present is not the time for words, but deeds."
CHRISTY HATS, ENGLAND'S BEST.
There is no question about the quality and smartness of this new shipment of Christy London hats recently unpacked at D'Neen's, 140 Yonge street. They are shown at this popular house in all the new shades now so much worn by the best dressers, including pearl, olive green, blue-grey, bronze and brown-green. Shapes are most becoming and the variety to select from is very extensive. Price for the best quality, \$5.00. "Caps for man and boy."

NO MORE HEREDITARY TITLES TO BE AWARDED IN CANADA

Radical Recommendations to Britain

The following radical recommendations to the imperial authorities, contained in an order-in-council already passed, were read in the house of commons last night by Sir Robert Borden:
(1)—No honor or titular distinction, saving those granted in recognition of military service during the present war or ordinarily bestowed by the sovereign, shall be conferred upon a British subject resident in Canada, except upon the advice of the prime minister of Canada.
(2)—The British Government shall exercise the same authority as hitherto in determining the character and number of titles to be allocated to Canada.
(3)—No hereditary title shall hereafter be conferred upon a British subject resident in Canada.
(4)—Appropriate action shall be taken by the government to provide that after a prescribed period no title held by a British subject, now or hereafter ordinarily resident in Canada, shall be recognized as having hereditary effect.

War News

Germany infantry makes no attempt to attack the British all yesterday.
Heavy cannonading by the enemy occurs at various points on the British and French battlefront.
Moscow continues to be much excited over the landing of Japanese at Vladivostok.
Six German machines are destroyed and nine damaged in air fight with the British.
Germans make some further small gains against the French in the region of the Ailette River.
British aircraft bombard Douai station and Bapaume with four and a half tons of explosives.
The Germans have detected a heavy bombardment against Loos and the Canadian lines before Lens.
British troops now hold the front on the Asiago Plateau in Italy, where their patrols have won a success.
British pilots drop ten tons of bombs and fire a great many rounds on German troops and transport on the battlefield.
Paris reports an increase of 250 deaths from pneumonia, owing to air raids forcing people down into the damp cellars.
Tolyn issues declaration that landing of men at Russian far eastern port has purely local object of maintaining order.
On demand of the German and Bolshevik Government has consented to remove the Jutesian warships from Finnish waters.
German attacks against French lines on Ailette River is believed to be intended to widen the salient created by the recent German advance.
Premier Clemenceau has issued a section on municipal councils, to seats on the provincial house and in the Dominion house, that the count is still living.

VETERANS HEAR OF ENEMY REJOICINGS

Facts, as Known, to Be Laid Before Detective Department.
MEETING WAS HELD
New President of the Central Branch is Chosen.
News of an alleged meeting of Bulgarians held at the Jewish Tabernacle on Thursday, March 28, for the purpose of expressing opinion on the alleged German victories on the western front caused considerable excitement at last evening's session of the Central Branch of the G.W.V.A. at Columbus Hall. The branch decided to give full publicity to the matter, and to get into touch with the detective department.
George Murrell, secretary of the branch, read out a communication from a Hungarian who alleged that on Thursday, March 28, a meeting of Bulgarians would be held at the Jewish Theatre under the guise of a comedy. The communication further stated that the Bulgarians would be armed. This communication was received several days after it was written. Comrade Murrell stated that he had questioned both the Rumanian and an Armenian interpreter, and that he found the reported meeting to be a fact.
The meeting also passed a resolution setting itself on record as favoring a policy of giving power to the association to elect representatives to seats on municipal councils, to seats on the provincial house and in the Dominion house.

DELEGATION ON ALIENS.

The report of the delegation at Ottawa on the alien question came in for lots of discussion. Sergeant Meredith, the president of the association, stated there were four separate conferences on this matter. Finally, he said, the delegation decided to have conferences between labor and the G. W. V. A. to show labor stand in the matter. "Labor's stand is undoubtedly favorable," said Comrade Meredith. "You will all recall also that the member for South York, W. F. Maclean, is with us on every point. Five representatives of the G. W. V. A. are meeting a similar number of labor men with a view to a closer understanding of the problem."
A member: Three colonels, two majors and who knows what else were with that deputation.
Comrade Jeffries emphasized his opinion that there was only one government in Canada, the bankers' association.
Comrade Thompson was elected president vice James Tweedie, resigned. Comrades Everingham, Slack and Jarvis were elected to represent the branch on the York County executive, and Comrades Williams, Jarvis, Meter, Sawyer and Murrell were elected delegates to the provincial convention which is to be held in Hamilton this week in May.

BRITISH TROOPS ACTIVE ON ASIAGO PLATEAU

Garrison of Austrian Advance Post Destroyed, Prisoners Brought In.
Rome, April 8.—The official communication from headquarters today says: "Desultory and slight harassing artillery actions took place yesterday along the whole front. The reconnoissances were more noticeable to the west of Gardina and Lagarina valley. On the Asiago plateau British patrols attacked at various points the enemy advanced line. They destroyed the garrison of an advanced post and brought back a few prisoners."
W. F. Nickle, Kingston, moved that an address be presented to the King praying that heretofore no hereditary titles be conferred in Canada, "for any title of honor that will be held or can be used by, or which will confer any title or honor upon any person, other than the person in recognition of his services the honor or title has been conferred."
Speaking in support of his motion, Mr. Nickle said there were two reasons for bringing up the matter at the present time. Just now when the country was at war, we're likely to have a great crop of decorations. That was the first reason. The second was that with a Union government and the leader of the opposition not unsympathetic to the motion, it should receive a fair hearing.
Mr. Nickle stated frankly that he had no sympathy with titular distinctions for those in civil life. He would have preferred to make his motion even broader, but had restricted it because he did not want a dozen or so men in the house to vote against it because they felt it was too broad. It was said, he went on, that we should have hereditary titles in Can-

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