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German Open Fresh Offensive On West

Heavy Attacks Against Allied Line Today; Early Reports Are That All The Efforts of Enemy Are Repulsed

The drive on Amiens, for which the Germans plunged desperately but failed to reach in their great offensive last month, was resumed today.

In the effort to push toward this important junction point and allied base, renewed after a two weeks' interval in which the main German effort was transferred to Flanders, the enemy this morning launched a heavy attack on a front of approximately twenty miles.

The line at which the German infantry is again being thrown extends from the district north of Albert, northeast of Amiens, to the Avre river, southeast of the city. Nearly all this front is held by the British, whose line links up with the French at the river Luce, about three miles north of the Avre.

It has been regarded as almost inevitable that the Germans would again strike here, as the advance of their right flank in the Amiens region was stopped short by the strong British resistance at Albert, lagging far behind their left, which was pushed at Castel to within a short distance of the Paris-Amiens railway. A further driving in of the wedge south of Amiens was thus virtually impossible unless the line to the north could also be advanced.

The attack here, furthermore, represents a continuation of the persistent German effort to push in between the French and the British by striking heavy blows near their points of junction.

The comparatively narrow field in which the enemy could attack with reasonable expectations of profit to himself has thus given the Allies warning, largely eliminating the element of surprise, which was so strong a factor in the earlier German success, and doubtless has led to the massing of strong Anglo-French forces at the point where the Germans are now striking.

The Germans have been working up a strong artillery fire along virtually the whole British southern front for several days, following the easing of their pressure on the Flanders front, but the preliminary intensive bombardment was of comparatively short duration. The drum fire began early this morning, followed shortly by the advance of the infantry.

What was apparently intended as a surprise blow, without notable artillery preparation, was launched by the Germans at dusk last evening northwest of Albert. The British were on the alert, however, and met the advance with a hail of rifle and machine gun fire, driving back the enemy.

Meanwhile the enemy has maintained hostile attack on the northern side of the Lys salient, near Brancourt, close to Mount Kemmel. The French were guarding this region and they repulsed the assault after sharp fighting, their artillery co-operating with the British guns in sectors, but last night there was a strong and severely punishing the enemy.

GERMANS ATTACK AGAIN

London, April 24.—Strong German attacks developed last evening in the neighborhood of Draucourt, on the Flanders front, but were repulsed by French troops.

Heavy infantry attacks are reported to be in progress this morning in the Albert sector, north of the Somme, and also between the Somme and the Avre rivers.

On the front northwest of Albert a German attack early last evening was repulsed. The French and British artillery inflicted severe losses on the Germans in the Flanders attack.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

With the British Army in France, April 24.—(By the A. P.)—The Germans began a heavy bombardment of the British positions in the Somme sector this morning, and the latest reports state that an attack is in progress.

A German bombardment of the British positions on both sides of the River Lawe, on the northern battle front, was begun at four o'clock this morning. A large section of the battle front is seething, although the definite dimensions of the infantry actions are not yet known.

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NEW POSITION FOR MAJOR KEEFE REPORTED

It is rumored in military circles that Major George Keefe, returned officer of the 26th Battalion, is in line for appointment as organizer and inspector of the Cadet corps in M. D. No. 7. This appointment will follow the forming of the province of New Brunswick into a separate district. At the present time Captain Black is the organizer and inspector for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Since the cadet corps throughout the maritime provinces have taken such a brisk spurt, the work is proving too much for one officer to handle.

Captain Black is well known throughout the province and is highly esteemed by all. His leaving the province will be keenly felt but he has organized well and is succeeded by an officer fully qualified for the position.

AVENGES BROTHER'S DEATH

Girl Kills Baseball Player Acquitted On Charge of Shooting Her Brother

Charleston, W. Va., April 24.—Acquitted in a court here a few days ago of the murder of John Weaver, whom he was alleged to have shot to death last November, Michael Waldron, minor league baseball player, was last night shot and killed by the former's sister, Sonoma Weaver, aged 22, at Hanford, a mining town twenty-six miles south of Charleston.

TIE UP STREET CAR SERVICE IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Street car service in Detroit was brought to a standstill this morning by the action of a small proportion of the motormen and conductors of the Detroit United Railway in voting last night to suspend work. About 500 of the more than 4,000 motormen of the union officers and sent out pickets to meet the men reporting for work this morning.

The motormen are seeking increases in wages of thirteen, fourteen and fifteen cents an hour based on the length of service and other changes in working conditions.

POLICE GOING AFTER LOAFERS IN ST. JOHN

Magistrate Ritchie announced in court this morning that the police intended to round up loafers in the city and find some work for them to do. He said that had a certain crowd of young men been in court this morning looking on, as they have been for some time, he fully intended to invite them to take seat on the prisoners' bench and would pass out a sentence to them. Chief Simpson when interviewed in reference to the anti-loafer law, said that the police force were going after the loafers in good style. He said that he is now just waiting for a copy of the order from Ottawa.

MISS MCCAIN SUCCEEDS MISS HAZEL WINTER

Fredericton, N. B., April 24.—Miss Hazel McCain of Florenceville has been appointed supervisor of Women's Institutes for New Brunswick in place of Miss Hazel Winter who resigned lately to accept a position in the west. Miss McCain is a graduate of the Lillian Massey School in Toronto and holds license from the Provincial Normal School. Lately she has been connected with the dietitian department of the Military Clearing Depot in Quebec. She is a daughter of Henry H. McCain of Florenceville.

The Big Ring Fight

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—Col. J. C. Miller, promoter of the Willard-Fulton fight, proposed for St. Paul on July 4, today decided tentatively to arrange for the bout, pending final decision by state authorities as to whether the contest will be allowed. More protests were received at the capital today.

Report New Volcano

Seattle, Wash., April 24.—Par Western Alaska has a new smoking volcano on the mainland near Cape Douglas.

SPURRED ON BY KAISER'S SPEECH

There Are Reports of Intense Activity at the German Naval Bases

London, April 24.—Reports of intense activity at German naval bases, says a Daily Mail despatch from the Hague, are connected in some circles with an address that Emperor William made to submarine commanders in Flanders. During his speech he said: "The activities of the submarines, together with our victorious armies and fleet, are calculated to bring us a strong German peace. I am convinced that the united strength of these three weapons will, in a comparatively short period, make our opponents, who are still bent on destroying Germany's strong and free future, ready to accept an equitable peace."

GIVES LIFE IN WAR

Robert Stewart of Carmarthen Street—Father Went Over With The 26th

That Private Robert Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stewart, 48 Carmarthen street, has made the supreme sacrifice, was the information received this morning by the parents from Ottawa. Private Stewart, although only a boy of eighteen, joined the 11th Battalion and with the unit crossed to England, where he was transferred to another infantry battalion.

Prior to donning khaki he was employed in Lugna's photo studio. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Fred and Cecil, and one sister, Marjorie, at home.

His father, Private Wilfred Stewart, just returned from overseas, having been invalided home. He is a member of the original 9th Battalion.

FINAL DRAFT OF PEACE TREATY WITH RUSSIA NOT YET ACCEPTED BY BERLIN

London, April 24.—Germany has not yet accepted the final draft of the peace treaty with Russia, according to a German wireless message received here purporting to give the text of a telegram sent to M. Tchitcherin, Russian foreign minister, by Odolph Joffe, who has just arrived in Berlin as Bolshevik ambassador. M. Joffe's message reads: "Russian realization of the peace treaty is considered incorrect and nothing is known here of the final draft which is said to have been accepted by Germany." "Postponement of its publication is requested until the receipt of an authentic translation done here co-jointly by the German ministry and our embassy."

BOMB PLACED ON SHIP IN STATES TIMED TO EXPLODE AT FRENCH PORT

Paris, April 24.—The blowing up of the American steamer Florence H. off the coast of Brittany is believed to have been done, says the Radio Agency, by a bomb placed on board before she left the United States, so timed as to explode when the vessel reached port. Owing to a fire on board, the news agency adds, the bomb exploded prematurely.

WAR NEWS CHECKS STOCK MARKET RISE

New York, April 24.—(Wall street)—Gains extending from one to two points in Reading, Anaconda and Inspiration Coppers, Comstar Tobacco, and Loose-Wiles Biscuit were the distinguishing features at the opening of today's stock market. Otherwise changes were limited to fractions mainly upward. The motor group was irregular and specialties manifested variable tendencies. Dealings were light, interest again centering in the war situation.

Noon Report

Petroleum and minor war issues were included among the stronger stocks of the early period but an abrupt reversal set in on receipt of news of Germany's fresh offensive in France. Motors were most vulnerable, breaking 11-2 to 5 points, accompanied by adverse rumors. Shippings also reacted one to two points, accompanied by adverse rumors. Shippings also reacted one to two points and by noon little remained of the initial rise. The only striking exceptions were Fertilizer and Sumatra Tobacco at overnight gains of 11-2 to 8 points.

IS IN MONTREAL

The sixteen-year-old girl who was reported missing yesterday afternoon, has been located. Chief of Police Simpson said this morning that he had been advised that the girl was residing in Montreal. It is said that she came to this city about one year ago with the Wanderland Show.

Naval Raid Was Daring and Glorious

Some Details of Brilliant Dash Received

Right into Enemy Harbor—Old Vessels Sunk to Block Channel; Much Damage To Enemy Works—Even German Destroyers Boarded—Canal Gate Reported Wrecked

London, April 24.—Two destroyers got inside the mole at Scarborough and blew up the dock gate, reports the correspondent of the Daily Mail. The feat, he says, seems incredible, but there appears to be (Continued on page 3, first column.)

SHOULD UNLOAD CARS QUICKLY

Enough Coal for Next Winter, Says Official, if This is Done

Montreal, April 24.—A sufficiency of coal for next winter would be ensured if the unloading of coal cars were proceeded with without delay, according to R. W. M. Neal, secretary of the Canadian Railway War Board, but as it is, the coal is not rapidly unloaded, the cars are idle, the sidings are occupied and the delivery at the mines is restricted. If this practice of unloading the unloading of coal cars is continued, he says, the railway companies will not be responsible for a shortage of coal next season.

McAVITY LEAGUE

In the final game of the league on the Victoria Alloys last night the King Street 8's, with a record of 11-1, defeated the 10's, 1-0. The scores follow: King St. 8's, 11-1; 10's, 1-0. Cummings . . . 71 85 73 228; Bewick . . . 64 75 72 211; Everett . . . 64 71 176 208; Stratton . . . 74 76 58 208; Legge . . . 85 68 80 236. Total . . . 348 368 358 1069.

4.5 Shell Plant

Phinney . . . 68 95 82 245; Gray . . . 79 78 79 236; Doherty . . . 64 64 71 195; Harrison . . . 66 69 78 213. Total . . . 352 399 378 1126.

In a special match game on the Victoria Alloys between the mechanical staff of the Standard and Flemings Foundry, the latter won last night after a very interesting game. The result follows:

Standard: Mantle . . . 77 74 286; Power . . . 88 71 27 241; Howard . . . 75 81 27 283; Dever . . . 69 76 86 280; Thurston . . . 87 86 81 264. Total . . . 399 391 404 1194.

Fleming's

Watters . . . 90 75 261; Knudson . . . 86 81 84 251; Stack . . . 69 71 74 214; McNutt . . . 78 76 98 252; McLennan . . . 72 84 88 239. Total . . . 405 402 409 1212.

Boxer is Airman

Toronto, April 24.—Eugene Brossen, late of Montreal, holder of the American and Canadian writer-weight boxing titles, is now an airman. He is entered in the Ontario boxing championship to be held here on Saturday and Monday.

Weather Report

Synopsis—The barometer is now highest over the lower lakes and Missouri Valley and low both east and west. The weather has become warmer in the western provinces and cooler in Ontario and Quebec.

Forecasts

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northwest winds, fair and cool; Thursday, fair and a little warmer; Friday, fair and a little warmer; Saturday, fair and a little warmer; Sunday, fair and a little warmer. Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fresh northwest winds, fair and cool today and Thursday; Friday, fair and a little warmer; Saturday, fair and a little warmer; Sunday, fair and a little warmer. Maritime—Fresh southwest to north-west winds, fair and a little cooler. Superior—Moderate winds, fair and cool; Thursday, fine and a little warmer; Friday, fair and a little warmer; Saturday, fair and a little warmer; Sunday, fair and a little warmer. New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, cooler tonight, moderate northwest to west winds.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILL IN HOUSE

Mr. Masges, Dr. Campbell and Mr. Murray Support It

Hon. Mr. Veniot Announces Plans For Extensive Road Work, For Which He Asks Bond Issue—Hon. Dr. Roberts' Offer re Health Bill

Fredericton, April 24.—An act which is expected to be of great importance and vast benefit to the province was introduced in the legislature today when the Hon. Mr. Robinson presented a bill relating to vocational education. Frederick Macpherson, who had served as chairman of the committee which had prepared the report on which the bill was based, addressed the house, reviewing the logic of the committee's showing in convincing fashion the wastage due to lack of practical educational facilities for the vast majority of pupils who now leave the schools in the early grades and the value of the proposed schools.

The bill enables municipalities under the establishment of agricultural and industrial training schools to look to the province for half the cost of maintenance.

Mr. Masges was followed by Dr. Campbell, also a member of the committee, who spoke strongly in favor of the bill. The opposition leader also expressed approval.

There was an interesting announcement by Hon. Mr. Veniot, who introduced a bill to authorize an increase in the bus fares for passengers of \$400,000 to \$700,000. Among the roads on which he expected to expend this money were the Marsh and Spruce Lake roads, the Grand Falls road, the Houlton-Woodstock, Shippegan Barrs, Campbellton-Dalhousie roads and other highways in Kent, Northumberland, Victoria and the road between St. John and Fredericton. Estimates for the work have not been completed and its extent will depend largely on labor conditions.

Horace A. Porter Grand High Priest

Annual Meeting of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Hall this morning. The annual address of the Grand High Priest, Dr. Daley of Sussex, and the reports from the other officers showed the grand chapter to be in a very satisfactory condition. A change in the constitution was effected, namely that the chapter will hereafter meet on Monday, the day before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, instead of the day after it. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Horace A. Porter, grand high priest; Daniel W. Kyle of Moncton, deputy grand high priest; George E. Day, grand king; Edward W. Jarvis of Woodstock, grand scribe; Peter Campbell, grand treasurer; J. T. Hart, grand secretary; Robert Clerke, grand tyler. The following officers were appointed: Captain of the hosts, J. Firth Britain; Royal Arch captain, Fred. M. Tweedale of Chatham; grand pursuivant, William D. Turner of Sussex.

At the evening session of the Masonic Grand Lodge yesterday officers were elected. They are: Grand master, D. C. Clark of West St. John; deputy grand master, John A. Morrison, Fredericton; senior grand warden, E. A. Cairns, of West St. John; junior grand warden, R. W. Wilson, G. O. C., received from Ottawa yesterday an order setting forth that conscientious objectors are to be put into khaki and attached to non-combatant units as the engineers, army service corps, ordnance corps or on clerical duties.

Germany Army is Moving on Viborg

Moscow, April 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans after the capture of Viborg. The Finnish Bolshevik government is evacuating Viborg.

Want \$1.85 For Heating Gas

ALL BUT ONE FOUND GUILTY

Jury's Verdict in Trial Over Plot For Revolution in India

San Francisco, April 24.—Twenty-nine persons—Hindus, former German consular officers, business men and others—were found guilty early today by a jury in the federal court of conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States through plots to foment revolution against British rule in India. Thirty were on trial and the only verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of John F. Craig, head of the Craig Shipbuilding Company yard, Long Beach, Cal.

The German defendants were not entitled to bail, Judge Van Fleet ruled, and the following were ordered interned pending sentence, which will be passed on next Tuesday: Franz Bopp, former German consul-general at San Francisco; E. H. Von Schack, vice-consul; Charles Tattendorf, bodyguard to Wilhelm Von Brincken, military attaché of the German consulate; Walter Suerback, navigating officer of the German gunboat Geier; Captain Edward Deinat, commander of the steamer Holsatia; German merchantman interned at Honolulu; Captain L. Heinrich Eib, commander of the steamer Ahlers; German merchantman interned at Elio, and Henry Kaufmann, chancellor of the German consulate.

The hall of each Hindu defendant was fixed at \$25,000. A fatal shooting in the court room yesterday was the result of a feud among rival factions of the Hindu defendants. Federal authorities said, and the dislike that existed between Ram Chandra and Ram Singh had been heightened by a controversy over a parcel of land in Canada owned by Singh.

Word from Fairville

Soldiers Overseas

Word has been received lately from several Fairville boys now in course of training in England or more actively doing their bit in France. James Hennessey, Max O'Keefe and others of the late drafts have been working hard at training and report themselves well and enjoying their experiences. Leo Quigg, recovering now in England, writes that he has seen these boys and that they are in the best of health and anxious to get to France, as Supper Quigg seems to be himself, though he has seen three years of active service and has been gassed a couple of times.

John O'Keefe is now with an artillery unit on the western front, and has been through some of the recent heavy fighting.

Auto Speeding in Fairville Again is Condemned

The matter of speeding automobiles through Fairville and out the Mannagonish road is again before the public, now that the condition of the roads is such that fast driving can be accomplished without danger to the occupants of the cars.

Last evening about half past nine o'clock a car with three passengers, evidently from the city, as it came from the direction of the bridge, drove up Main street, Fairville, at racing speed without showing a glimmer of headlights.

Several persons endeavored to catch the number on the car, but owing to the darkness and the speed at which the auto was going, the figures could not be made out.

Last year there were many near-accidents. It is not too early in the season to see to it that precautions are taken to prevent this dangerous practice from becoming popular this summer.

Will be Non-Combatants

Conscientious Objectors to be Put Into Khaki But Not in Fighting Ranks

Montreal, April 24.—Major-General W. W. Wilson, G. O. C., received from Ottawa yesterday an order setting forth that conscientious objectors are to be put into khaki and attached to non-combatant units as the engineers, army service corps, ordnance corps or on clerical duties.

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Power Co. Makes a Request For Authority

Public Utilities Commission

F. R. Taylor Presents Case For Company and Dr. W. B. Wallace, for City, Opposes—Matter Stands For Consideration With Comment By Chairman City

Fred R. Taylor, K.C., appeared before the Public Utilities commission at a meeting held this morning and asked that the price of heating gas be increased from \$1.50 to \$1.85, the same as lighting gas. He gave a lengthy address, dealing with the situation of the New Brunswick Power Company, going into details regarding their demands for increases in rates.

He spoke about the bill presented before the legislature and the attitude taken by city authorities. He spoke of an agreement by which an investigation of the company's property was made. He said that the company had given every facility in order that the report be complete and comprehensive. Notwithstanding this, he said, the city had pressed a bill before the legislature and as a result a committee was to go into the matter and report at the meeting of the legislature in 1918. He said there was no explanation given by the city for their change of attitude and no criticisms were made into the investigation of the company's property. When the matter came up before the committee of the legislature, they were, he said, possibly influenced by statements made in newspapers wilfully distorting the situation.

He said that Mayor Hayes and others expressed themselves as favoring the matter being left to the members of the Public Utilities or some other special commission to deal permanently with the company's rates.

Mr. Taylor then spoke about the increased cost of coal, inferior grade being supplied and the necessity of increasing a larger quantity than hitherto. He said it cost the company more than \$100,000 a year for this item alone, and that increased cost of material, increases in wages, etc., made it very hard for the company when it was taken into consideration that they did not get any additional remuneration for their service to the people.

The daylight saving bill had and was reducing, he said, the earnings of the electric light service by twenty per cent, and that it was needless to say how urgent it was that the matter be brought forward for the present time the company was not in a position to earn their bond indebtedness.

He then gave details of the gas plant and reviewed a report presented by Mr. Waterman, an expert. He said that during the last fifteen years the company had been earning \$4,500 a year. This sum, he said, was not sufficient to give the company a chance to put the plant in proper condition. He said that during the last fifteen years the company had been earning \$4,500 a year. This sum, he said, was not sufficient to give the company a chance to put the plant in proper condition. He said that during the last fifteen years the company had been earning \$4,500 a year. This sum, he said, was not sufficient to give the company a chance to put the plant in proper condition.

Chairman Otty said that he thought that the company was asking a good deal, considering the fact that within a week the matter would be placed in the hands of an independent commission with power to deal with the whole situation. He said that he did not think that the commission should be influenced by any action on their part. He said they might as well get the matter decided by the commission as to leave the matter free to deal with in its entirety by the commission. He then spoke about Mr. Waterman's report and said that after the commission received it they felt that they had not committed any error in judgment in granting the temporary increase, as the company ought to make some profit. He said they considered they had done all they could to relieve the situation as presented to them. He said he felt that the commission ought not to do, as he felt the special commission should be left free.

Dr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., who was present in the interests of the city, said that he did not know the case was coming up and was not prepared to make a final argument. He said he thought the board, under the circumstances, should not do anything to raise the price of gas. He said there was considerable criticism as to the present rate being paid. He thought it would be very inopportune to make any further order and that the board should consider declining their previous order. He asked the matter be allowed to stand. The board said that they would consider the application.

Calais Matter

M. N. Cockburn, K.C., of St. Andrews, and H. A. Murchie, of Calais, appeared before the commission asking authority for the Calais Water and Power Company to issue \$50,000 bonds for an outstanding indebtedness.

A letter was read from N. Marks Mills, of St. Stephen, who said that such authority would cause serious inconvenience to the town of Milltown, and that he proposed to oppose the passage of the bill. He asked for a postponement of the hearing on account of illness. This was granted and adjournment took place until May 22.