

British Artillery Smash Huns.

55th Division put up Splendid Fight. Battle Raged Around Bailleul. Railway Junction Safe. Neuve Eglise the New Storm Centre. Every Man Needed Now.

WAR SUMMARY.

Seven days after the Germans launched their giant assault against the British lines between Lens and Ypres the momentum of their attack has been broken and the waves of Teuton forces are recoiling before the rock of British defence. While the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the Allied lines to a considerable depth, they have failed in the attempt to break through and take important railway junctions. During the last days there have been bitter engagements at four places along the north side of the salient to the south of Ypres. Seven assaults against the British trenches at Merville near the apex of the triangular dent in the British line have been hurled back by the British. Neuve Eglise on the extreme southwestern spur of Messines Ridge has been taken by the Germans after a struggle which will go into history as one of the greatest of the past week. The British, however, have not retired far, and it is probable that they will at once organize a counter attack to force the Germans out of the town, which, if held, might be a "kicking off" point for an attack which might outflank and make untenable Messines Ridge, the key to the British position about Ypres. Bailleul and Wulverghem, between Neuve Eglise and Merville, have also been the scenes of hard fighting, but except for St. Eglise the north side of the salient has stood firm. On the south side of the salient, according to Berlin, fiercest struggles have been fought. It has been the German plan of campaign since March 21st, when the German offensive started, to strike hard at some particular sector, and if that blow was parried, to turn powerfully against some new point. This proceeding probably will be followed in the next few days by a new assault somewhere south of Arras. An attack north of Ypres is hardly possible, for the lowlands of Belgium are as yet too water-logged to permit active operations. An attack south of Arras would entail the hurling of troops against Vimy Ridge, the Labyrinth, and other formidable military works protecting that city. It might be that the hard fighting reported at Hangard-en-Sauter, south of Albert, and on the centre of the line facing Amiens may mark the beginning of a new attempt to sweep west towards Amiens. So far the fighting has brought the enemy only losses in men and ground. Further south near Mont Didier there has been intense artillery firing, but the Germans have not attempted infantry operations in this important sector. American forces near Toul are standing firm before heavy attacks by the Germans and have held their lines intact in spite of all the weight of men and metal the enemy has loosed against them. The Germans have lost very heavily. The constant German attacks in this sector may have some bearing on the development of the German offensive campaign and much interest in the situation throughout the region held by General Pershing's men is evidenced by the Allied leaders. Coincident with the report of the acceptance of the resignation of Count Czernin, the Austrian-Hungarian Premier, comes a report of a serious outbreak of the Czechs, at Prague, which for many months has been reported to be seething with anti-pan Germanism. Bohemians, or at

least the Czech minority, in that country object to the creation of a German Government there, but the incident may be more significant than has so far appeared. Nothing out of the ordinary has been reported from the Italian, Macedonian, Palestine or Mesopotamian theatres of the war.

BIG THRUST EXPECTED.

LONDON, April 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The enemy is held around Neuve Eglise. A great thrust is impending towards Bailleul.

ATTACK BROKEN UP.

LONDON, April 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Telegraphing late this evening, Reuter's correspondent says: The enemy renewed his attacks on Bailleul, but his onslaught was broken up by our artillery.

HEAVY HUN LOSSES WITHOUT GAIN.

LONDON, April 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France this evening, Reuter's correspondent says: The enemy has not yet been brought to a standstill in the Flanders battle. Their re-occupation of Neuve Eglise, and the desperate struggle to advance towards Bailleul shows that the enemy is able to continue to pay an appalling price in attempts to crush the British Army. Against this, however, every hour the strength of the defence is increasing. The enemy failure to reach his final objective in the Somme battle is being repeated to-day in Flanders.

ENEMY ATTACKS FAIL.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—There were several unsuccessful German attacks yesterday afternoon in the northern battle area. The enemy in considerable force pushed forward astride the Merville-Lamotte road, necessitating a withdrawal of our line, but our counter attack completely restored the situation. About half-past four two small attacks were made against our positions on Messines Ridge. They were beaten off after sharp fighting. During the afternoon we pushed our line of posts north of the LaBasse Canal between the Lawe and Clarence Rivers. One of these was attacked by a strong party of the enemy, the final result being that one officer, five men and three machine guns were left in our hands. Late in the evening the enemy again made a determined attack against Neuve Eglise, and a heavy struggle developed. Our guns are reported to be shelling the ruins of the place this morning, suggesting that the enemy has once more gained a footing, though probably we are counter attacking. Prisoners state that the enemy's efforts towards Bailleul is to be resumed this morning. We have retaken the hamlet of Reizdu Vinage, 3,000 yards east of Robeca, taking 250 prisoners and six machine guns. On the extreme south of our line we made a minor attack with the French, improving our positions north and east of Hangard Wood.

THE GALLANT FIFTY-FIFTH.

LONDON, April 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The following official supplementary despatch has been received from Reuter's correspondent at General Head-

quarters, dealing with the work of the Fifty-Fifth Division at Givency April 9th to 14th: On the morning of the German attack on April 9th, the Fifty-Fifth West Lancashire Division of territorials was holding a front of about five thousand yards extending from LaBasse Canal to just south of Richbourg ravine, where the line joined that held by the Portuguese. The enemy's attack on a portion of this front was made by three battalions of the fourth Ersatz division, which was well up to strength. A captured divisional order issued by the General Staff of this German division, dated April 6th, shows that the objectives were "the ground and British positions in the triangle formed by Givency, Festubert and Gorre." The following passages in the captured order are of special interest: "In the attack our three regiments will be opposed by at the most six companies in front and at the most two reserve battalions in Festubert and Givency. One battalion in divisional reserve is south of LaBasse Canal in Le Presol. It will be prevented by our powerful artillery fire from taking part in the light front Festubert and Givency. These troops are elements of the English 55th division which, after being engaged on the Somme, suffered heavy losses in Flanders and at Cambrai, and is described by prisoners of March, 1918, as a division fit to hold a quiet sector, that is, below average quality." The order was distributed among all officers and under officers of the Fourth Ersatz division down to the platoon commanders, presumably with a view to encouraging the troops prior to their attack, and in the belief that the opposition would not be very serious. If this was his expectation, the enemy was most signally disappointed. Throughout the early part of the morning of the 9th of April, the 55th division beat off all attacks in the forward zone and maintained the line intact. Later when the German infantry had broken through the Portuguese positions on its left, the division formed a defensive flank facing northeast of the line of Givency and Festubert to the neighborhood of Lezouquet. This line maintained practically unchanged without relief, through six days of almost continued fighting, beating off repeated German attacks with the heaviest enemy losses and taking nearly a thousand prisoners. Though succeeding on the 11th in entering a post north of Festubert, the enemy was thrown out again by a counter-attack on the night of the 12th, and the Fifty-Fifth improved its position in this neighborhood, capturing a German post and taking several prisoners. Next day in the afternoon, the enemy bombarded the whole front held by the Division between Gorre and the Lawe canal. Subsequently he attacked in force, and was once more repulsed with heavy loss by the most gallant and successful defence of the division pleased to describe as second class troops.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 15. — The hardest fighting of the present battle south of the river Somme has been almost incessant around Hangard-en-Santerre. Since March 21, British and French troops have been engaged side by side in defending this highly important and strategic position on the road between Yoyon and Amiens. Several times it has been wrested from them, only to be retaken in heroic counter-attacks. On the 4th, 9th and 12th April the streets of Hangard were scenes of terrible carnage, both night and day, when the enemy was driven from house to house before the French battalions. On the latter date, when the latest attack was delivered by the French, one of the overwhelming German advances. The major commanding entrenched himself in the ruins of a castle which he held the enemy in check for over ten hours, meanwhile signalling repeatedly for help and asking his comrades to hasten. The Major was captured, but shortly afterwards other French troops with a British battalion arrived, and after a terrific onslaught reached the survivors and took a hundred German prisoners, but the Major with another officer had been captured.

BATTLE STILL RAGING.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 15.—The battle about Neuve Eglise near the Belgian border, which has been retaken by the Germans continued to rage this morning with the same intensity that has marked it for days, and the British are pounding the Germans hard. Another assault on Bailleul, four miles west of Neuve Eglise, is expected momentarily. The latest reports this forenoon showed that the British line was being strongly held as a whole in this northern zone, and in some instances had been considerably improved by counter strokes.

RUSSIA'S SNIPING JAPANESE.

TOKIO, April 15.

Several instances of Russian sniping against Japanese patrols in Vladivostok are reported in a despatch from that city to the Asahi. One Russian was arrested. The message also reports that the local Council of Soldiers and Workmen has telegraphed to headquarters urging the despatch of armed German and Austrian prisoners to Vladivostok as reinforcements. Bolshevik leaders are quoted as declaring that the Japanese action in landing forces in Vladivostok marks the beginning of the carrying out by Japan of the "long cherished ambitions" in Siberia.

EV'RY MAN IS NEEDED AND NEEDED NOW.

NEW YORK, April 15.

An appeal to Englishmen and Canadians in the United States to make a personal application of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's special order of the day, addressed to all ranks, and hasten into the service, was considered in a telegram from Major-General C. E. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, Ottawa, to the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission, made public here to-day. The call from overseas is such, said the message, that I must ask you one and all not merely to carry on, but to do so with renewed and special vigor. Every man of military age is needed, and needed now. Faith must be kept with those who have fallen. May every Britisher and Canadian in the United States take to himself Sir Douglas Haig's special order of the day and determine that it is his privilege and duty to seize this opportunity and join the ranks.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, April 15.

(Official)—Fighting occurred this evening in the neighborhood of Bailleul and Wulverghem, and is continuing. On the rest of the Lys battle-front there's nothing particular to report. The hostile artillery has shown activity in certain sectors between Givency and Robeca. Bodies of German infantry moving along the LaBasse-Estaires road were effectively engaged by our artillery. On the other parts of the British front there was no important incident.

NO CABINET CRISIS.

LONDON, April 15.

The Labor Ministers of the Cabinet in an interview with Premier Lloyd George to-night pressed the Premier to grant self-government to Ireland on the basis of the majority report of the Irish convention before conscription is put into operation. It is understood that the conference had satisfactory results and there will not be a Cabinet crisis.

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Personal.

Right Hon. Sir Robert Bond arrived in the city yesterday from Whitbourne. Sergt. C. E. A. Jeffrey, who enlisted and proceeded overseas with a Canadian Battalion, is at present in the High Commissioner's Office for Canada, in London. The winter on Salisbury Plain, in 1914, was too much for him and though C. E. A. J. is a man of great physical endurance, he has never regained his health sufficient to pass the medical test. He is a son of Rev. C. Jeffrey, of Whitbourne. Rev. C. Jeffrey, of Whitbourne, received a cable from his son, Lieut. Edward, of the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders, B. E. F., yesterday, to the effect that he was leaving for the front once again.



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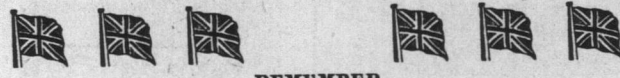
"For some of us worked in a chiflon shop,
And some of us taught in a school;
Some of us helped with the seat of our pants
To polish an office stool;
The merits of somebody's soup or jam,
Some of us sought to explain;
And some of us worked in the iron mines
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His Excellency at Queen's College.

Yesterday a forenoon His Excellency the Governor visited Queen's Theological College and was received by His Lordship Bishop White and Rev. C. H. Barton, M.A., Principal of the College. Also present were Rev. Canons Smith, Netten, Belt, Field, and Rev. Fletcher. His Excellency was then shown through the historic institution over which his venerable father, the Rev. G. Poulett Harris, was at one time Principal. His Excellency resided at Queen's when but a boy of ten years, and on passing through the building his memory was carried back to the scenes of childhood days. On returning to the reception room, His Excellency addressed the students, encouraging them in their studies which was to fit them for the greatest calling in life. His Excellency expressed great hopes for the future of the College and assured them of his support in their efforts. Following the Governor's address the party proceeded to the refectory where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barton at afternoon tea. Rev. Canon

Smith was a student at the College when the Governor's father was Principal.

The Black Flag.

The attendance which greeted the performers in their presentation of "The Black Flag," at the Casino, last night, filled the theatre to its capacity. This play has been produced here before, under the direction of Harry Leighton. Mr. P. F. Moore acted the part of "Lazarus" in a most capable manner and was rewarded by a liberal share of applause. Mr. J. C. Pippy played the role of "Harry Glyndon" to the satisfaction of all. Miss Kitty Ryall, as "Ned," who received much well merited applause should feel highly complimented on her splendid acting. We predict for Miss Ryall, a place among the most foremost of our amateurs. Miss M. Viguers, as "Ruth Glyndon," gave a splendid rendition of her part, and the whole audience voiced their approval in continued applause. Misses Jackson and Howlett, as "Naomi Bradford" and "Topsy Carroll," acted their roles in a clever manner. Messrs. Comerford, O'Grady, Grace, Channing, Maloney, Fox, Lumsden, Mahoney and Master Ryall also contributed to the success of the evening. The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Miss T. Power. "The Black Flag" will be on again to-night at the Casino.

Hospital Report.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Sir,—The Visiting Committee of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association reports the condition of the following men in Hospital:

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Improving.
2168 Pte. Francis J. Christian, 3807 Pte. George Hapgood, 3808 Pte. Joseph Mate, 3472 Pte. Arthur Warford, 113 Pte. James J. Hickey, 3735 Pte. Patrick Hinchey, 3746 Pte. Albert Milley, 2431 Cpl. Oughterson Whiteway.
Prisoner of War Health Report.
2544 Pte. Stanley Halford writes he is in the best of health.
Yours faithfully,
J. R. BENNETT,
Acting Minister of Militia.

PERSONAL.—The Messes Macpherson and Mr. H. M. Macpherson, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who are passing some time at the Greenbrier, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., went to Virginia Hot Springs by automobile on Monday to pass the day. They are enjoying the abundance of sport diversions at White Sulphur and are among those frequently seen on the tennis courts.

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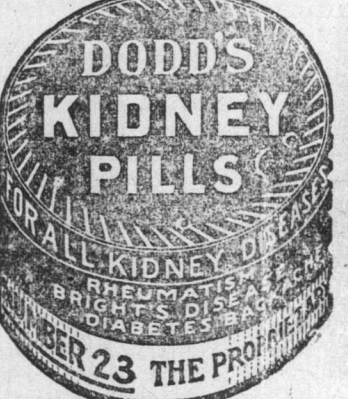
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A Call From the West.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—I believe the time has arrived when the principles of democracy will be upheld in this our Island Home. Our honor is at stake. Those responsible for our national attitude towards the world issues, are putting our patriotic people into an unbearable position.

People generally are asking why our Government does not assert itself in matters of vital importance. The people of this country to-day, I believe, are ready for Selective Conscription, and are anxious that our national honor may be upheld. Those whom we expect to take the lead are unfortunately (for some reason unknown to the country), wasting time; and should the Hun prove victor in this Titanic struggle, our Government will be found guilty of a Hunnish policy, which future historians of our glorious colony will not fail to attribute to a weak-kneed patriotism. Newfoundlanders are not cowards, are not pro-German, our people are known throughout the Empire as being solidly British in sympathy. Our Royal Newfoundland Regiment have proven to the world that our sons have courage equal to any troops in the world, and in no recorded incident have they failed to acquit themselves to the undying honor of the Regiment, the Colony and the Empire. Humbermouth, April 13, 1918.

Why are the members of our Government blind to the indignation of our patriotic citizens? Why do they send useless representatives throughout our country asking for volunteers, when our young men are crying out for justice to all? Some families have contributed their all, whilst others have sent none out of a household of young unmarried men. I believe, Sir, the time is not far distant when our people will state in no uncertain terms to our soldiers and in competent legislators, their wish to be given a place among the other parts of our Empire. Newfoundlanders are not cowards, although the attitude of our Government seems to imply that we are afraid to face our responsibility. Is it true that our Premier told January to April too cold for recruiting parties? I presume when our men are away fighting, our energetic Government will recruit the ladies. Give us a MAN who is not too cowardly to support our glorious boys. Yours for Right and the Empire. PASTY.



CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, April 14.
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