

LUDENDORFF ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY BRITISH

A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE OF ENDURANCE IN PROGRESS

British Evacuate Armentieres and Germans now Hold Line Approximately Six Miles West of Their Old Front—Enemy Likely Striking to Capture Dunkirk, Calais and Bologne.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, April 11.—The British have evacuated Armentieres, which has been within their lines since 1914. The Germans have driven far into the British defences and now hold a line approximately six miles west of their old front.

Against the Messines Ridge the enemy has made slower progress. The battlefront has been extended north to Passchendaele, which means the British defensive zone measures about seventy-five miles.

Ludendorff is out to break, crush and destroy the British army and a terrific struggle of endurance is taking place. No bewildering surprises, no wonderful strategy, no marvelous generalship is responsible for the fresh enemy successes. They have been won like those of the Somme by a preponderance of artillery, superiority of numbers and ability to concentrate at a given point.

Ambitious Stroke.

This stroke in the north may be aimed at turning the Passchendaele-Messines-Vimy Ridge line and capture Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne, but greater events than the question of territorial gain is whether the enemy has succeeded in crushing the offensive spirit of Haig's army.

Beaten back, the British are still offering strong resistance and exacting a heavy toll as they fall back to better natural defensive ground.

From Arras south to Rheims the artillery duel continues, but the infantry walls. That the British are fighting in the hope of splitting the Allies' armies and marching on Paris has been abandoned by the enemy must not be imagined for a moment.

Fighting on this front will certainly be resumed in the next few days, probably as soon as the British make a definite stand in the north. Intended originally to relieve their right flank resting on Arras, thus a defensive measure, the Germans have turned it into an offensive and have won considerable success.

The big indentation to the west of Armentieres may lead to considerable readjustment of the line. In the Armentieres sector the ground is too soft and muddy for rapid artillery movement and consequently much of the fighting is being done with machine guns and rifles, towns and hamlets offering excellent shelter for both defenders and attackers.

The rivers Lys and Lawe are running red with blood, for the fighting is costly.

Desperate Duel.

Lesterm is taking a place among towns made famous by the gallant fighting of the British. The same is true of Estaires, where a desperate duel was fought for the bridges of the Lys, the Germans holding one end and the British the other.

UNIONISTS OF ULSTER LIKE CONSCRIPTION

Belfast, April 11.—Ulster Unionists welcome conscription and hope it will be firmly enforced throughout Ireland, which will then cease to be the home of slackers and deserters from Great Britain. Home rulers are raging and Sinn Feiners threaten opposition even to death, but if firmly handled there will be little trouble.

Ireland can supply three hundred thousand men. All Unionist papers urge that home rule be kept in abeyance till after the war.

PACIFIST BISHOP OF UTAH QUITS OFFICE

New York, April 11.—The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church today accepted the resignation of Bishop Paul Jones of Utah. The House of Bishops requested the resignation several months ago pending an inquiry into Bishop Jones' alleged utterances of pacifist sentiment and his connection with "questionable organizations."

EARL OF READING IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Chicago, April 11.—The allied line on the western battle front will hold, the Earl of Reading, British ambassador to the United States and Lord Chief Justice of England, said in an address tonight before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in session here.

"It would be foolish to minimize the onslaught of the German horde against our line in the west," said Lord Reading. "Gains have been made by the enemy. Our line has been pushed back but the objectives of the German commanders have not been attained. They never will be attained."

BOVRIL
Aids the Digestion of Food.

WANT THE BIBLE READ IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF N. B.

Anglican Synod Discusses Subject, Leaving it to Committee.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO DOMINION SYNOD

Next Session of Synod Will be Held in St. John Next April

PLAN TO FURTHER AID RETIRED CLERGYMEN

Parishes May Now Elect Wardens and Vestrymen in January.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 11.—The meeting of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton closed here this evening. An executive meeting was held tonight. The committees will meet tomorrow. Delegates to the general Anglican synod of the Dominion of Canada which will meet in Winnipeg, September 11, were elected as follows: Clerical, Venerable Archdeacon Newnham, Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, Rev. G. F. Scovill, Rev. Canon A. W. Smithers, Very Rev. Dean Neales, Rev. G. A. Kuhring; substitute, Rev. Canon Crowfoot.

Laymen, M. G. Teed, W. S. Carter, J. P. Burhill, Chas. Coster, G. O. D. Oddy, Mr. Paddington.

On the motion of Archdeacon Forsythe, seconded by Rev. Canon Forsythe, an address was presented by the Synod to His Lordship Bishop Richardson expressing pleasure on account of his safe return from abroad and the hope that he would long be spared to preside over the deliberations of the synod.

The reports of the standing committee and the teachers' training department were read and adopted. The motion brought by Rev. A. W. Daniel that the allowance for incapacitated clergymen be increased from \$400 per year to \$500 per year will be considered by the executive.

It was left optional with the parishes whether they would elect wardens and vestrymen in January or at Easter.

The treasurer's report was adopted, showing a balance of \$2,624.83.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided on the motion of Rev. G. A. Kuhring, seconded by Rev. Dean Neales, that His Lordship the Bishop should appoint a committee which should take up with the Provincial Board of Education the question of having Scripture reading and memorizing in the public schools. Both the mover and seconder spoke strongly in favor of the motion which was before the synod at a previous meeting. Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, who was present as a delegate, stated that his official position made it inadvisable for him to express an opinion. His Lordship Bishop Richardson gave a brief account of the action he had taken on a previous occasion when the matter had been brought up in the synod. Other persons present spoke strongly in favor of the proposition.

The next session of the synod will be held in St. John April 29, 1919.

FRENCH REPULSE TWO ATTACKS BY ENEMY

Violent Artillery Fight on North of Montdidier.

Paris, April 11.—The war office announcement tonight reads: "There was violent artillery fighting at certain points on the front north of Montdidier and in the region of Lesigny last night and this morning. We repulsed two enemy attacks, which were quite spirited, in the sector of Noyon. There was intermittent cannonading on both banks of the river and around Le Prete Wood."

QUEBEC OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Ottawa, April 11.—Opposition of Quebec to the government's bill extending the franchise to all women was voiced freely in the Commons today. Consideration of the bill was resumed in committee and representatives of Quebec province who spoke were practically without exception, in opposition to the extension of the franchise to the other sex.

Mr. A. R. McMaster, the English-speaking representative of Quebec, was an exception. What favoring the principle of the bill he thought it had some objectionable aspects.

SITUATION IN FLANDERS IS IN CONTROL

Fighting Continues on Heavy Scale and Likely to.

LARGE BODES OF HUNS REPORTED MASSING

Armentieres is one Vast Cess Pit of Mustard Gas Fumes.

BRITISH REPEL WAVES OF HUNS AT HOLLEBEKE

Allied Guns Inflict Terrible Execution on Enemy in Belgium.

London, April 11. (Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France this evening Reuter's correspondent says: "The situation in Flanders is regarded today as fairly well in hand, but the fighting continues on a heavy scale and is likely to continue. What success the Germans achieved developed out of an advance in the control of the original front of attack helped by the misty weather. The territory which the enemy overran was very sparsely populated by civilians and as regards the character of the country it is a barren plain. Moreover, the enemy communications are lengthened across long tracts of clay.

"The weather has improved and this morning the enemy were effectively cooperating in large numbers.

"At ten o'clock this morning the enemy made a formidable attack against Hollebeke and fighting of great intensity followed. Masses of the enemy advanced in waves, over heavy ground, flanking Bozebeek, making a great target for the riflemen and machine guns which wrought what is described as a terrible execution.

"Comparatively few of the enemy got to grips with the defenders, and eventually the attack was completely repulsed, the straggling retreat being followed by the field guns, which the enemy disappeared in the mist.

"Around Ploegsteert Wood and Estaires there has been continuous fighting, but the results are not yet known. The enemy has brought up more reserves and we have also thrown in reinforcements.

"Northwest of Armentieres in the direction of Ploegsteert large bodies of German infantry are reported massing by our airmen. Artillery heavily concentrated there on the evacuation of Armentieres carried out very successfully on these bodies. The enemy is not attempting to press our retirement. The whole place is a vast cess pit of mustard gas and our soldiers welcome the release from the place."

MRS. G. LANGSTROTH HAMPTON IS DEAD

Special to The Standard. Hampton, April 11.—After an illness of several months, the death of Mrs. George Langstroth occurred at her home, Hampton Station, on Thursday morning, at nine o'clock. Mrs. Langstroth was a daughter of the late Major R. W. Barnes, and has spent the greater portion of her life in Hampton. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters and one son—Miss Gladys and Dorothy and Master George—all at home; also three sisters, Mrs. T. Bain, St. John; Mrs. A. A. Barnes, and Miss Margaret Oddy, of Hampton, and one brother, Mr. Norval Oddy, of Osgestown. Mrs. Langstroth also leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

U. S. MEN N SBERIA.

Harbin, Friday, April 5.—(By The Associated Press)—American marines as well as British and Japanese forces as well as British and Japanese forces, according to advices from that place. The American marines are guarding the railway and ammunition depots.

London, April 11.—About ten o'clock this morning the German launched a formidable attack against the Belgian town of Hollebeke, says a Reuter despatch from British headquarters. They came forward in massed waves which were completely repulsed with terrible execution.

A Pacific Port, April 11.—Three Russian ships, the Nihil Novgorod, Tale and Kishinev, were taken over here today by the United States shipping board. They are a dead-weight cargo capacity for 12,000 tons. They have been loading here with supplies intended for Russian Pacific ports.

THE NELLIE EATON SUNK.

The two masted schooner Nellie E. Eaton, well known at New Brunswick and Maine ports, was sunk at the mouth of the Machias river. The schooner was caught when the ice left the river and damaged. She lies submerged, but can be saved.

Oromocto, April 10.—The dwelling of Harry Finneaux, two miles from here, was burned today. The barns were saved by hard work. The family saved most of the furniture and clothing. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh northwest winds; fair and cool.

Northern New England—Cloudy Friday; Saturday rain. Moderate to fresh northeast gales.

Toronto, Ont., April 11.—The high pressure area has diminished in intensity over the lower St. Lawrence Valley, and the southern low pressure area has remained almost stationary near Cape Hatteras. The weather has been fair and cool from Ontario eastward, and fine and moderately warm in the western provinces.

GERMANS ARE DIGGING TRENCHES IN FRANCE

London, April 11. (via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—Telegraphing from French headquarters this evening, Reuter's correspondent says: "Relative quiet prevails from Hamard to Noyon. The French carried out a small infantry attack at Grivesnes Chateau, locally improving their position in the park.

"The guns are active on both sides along the whole front. The Germans have done little trench digging. The enemy airmen are more active but are showing little inclination to take the offensive, chiefly patrolling their own side of the front in powerful groups of a dozen or more machines with the object of preventing our flight."

New York, April 10.—Mink featured the third day's selling at the annual spring fur sale here and the good prices brought by this fur, together with those obtained for the silver fox put over from the previous day brought the total to date to nearly two million dollars. The active bidding for mink bore out earlier predictions that it was coming back into fashion and this contention was further proved by the price paid for the best pelt and the advances shown over the corresponding January sales figures.

The finest mink skin sold for ten dollars and eighty cents. Northern mink went up 16 per cent, as compared with the last auction and southwestern mink advanced 25 per cent. The smaller skins, which are not altogether unlike marten in their coloring, brought proportionately much better prices than the larger ones.

Liberty Bond subscriptions at the sale reached \$1,919,900 today. Tomorrow's offerings will range from ordinary house cats to Russian sable and ermine.

New York, April 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on March 30 were 9,055,404 tons, according to the monthly statement issued today. This is a decrease of 232,049 tons, compared with the orders of February 28.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

April—Phases of the Moon.

Last Quarter..... 4th 9h. 33m. a.m.
New Moon..... 11th 0h. 34m. a.m.
First Quarter..... 17th midnight
Full Moon..... 24th 4h. 5m. a.m.

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Vancouver	44	58
Kamloops	46	64
Edmonton	42	65
Battleford	28	64
Prince Albert	26	62
Port Arthur	28	44
Parry Sound	30	54
London	30	38
Toronto	34	42
Kingston	34	46
Ottawa	28	46
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Montreal	24	46
Quebec	22	40
St. John	22	42

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