

VALIANT ARMY OF BRITAIN FORGING AHEAD; HUNS SACRIFICE THOUSANDS IN FERCE COMBAT

FRENCH STILL PROGRESSING NEAR SANCY Sector Marked with Traces of Fiercest Fighting British on Sept. 14, 1914.

British Continue To Make Progress Fighting Not As Fierce Yesterday As On Monday—British Advance To Fontaine-Les Croisilles and Cherisy.

Monday, April 23, (Delayed in transmission.)—French troops took a further step towards the mastery of the Chemin Des Dames to the northward of Sancy today.

London, April 25.—A British official communication, issued at midnight, says: "Further information received regarding Monday's battle shows that the fighting was of an exceptionally fierce nature.

The broken ground about Soupir and also the adjacent Metz Farm and Gouttedor Wood was fought over again during the present battle.

British Advance. "Today there has again been considerable fighting, though somewhat less fierce in nature, at several points on the battlefield.

German War Lord Again Refers to Deity in Message to His Lieutenant.

Constant Fire. "Our gunners, by a constant fire on the Arras-Douai railway, are making it very difficult for the Germans to bring up ammunition.

Kaiser Thanks Crown Prince Rupprecht

Italian Statement. "The capture of Beaucamp and Villers-Plouich has given us a commanding position on the opposite side of the railway to Gonnelieu, and straightens our front towards Harcourt.

Spain Sends Note to Government at Berlin.

Woolen Trust Boosts Wages. Boston, April 24.—Notices have been posted in the forty mills of the American Woolen Co., in Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, announcing a wage advance of five per cent, next Monday.

U. S. to Loan Great Britain \$200,000,000

Holland Stays Neutral. The Hague, via London, April 24.—Discussing foreign affairs in the first chamber of parliament today, Jonk heer Londen, the foreign minister, said that no matter what the pressure must be, the Dutch government would not deviate from the neutral course it had hitherto pursued.

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Russia Will Disband All Soldiers Over 43. Petrograd, via London, April 24.—The government has approved a proposal made by the war minister to disband all soldiers over the age of forty-three years.

U. S. Troops Will Go to Aid France

Fortress Monroe, Va., April 24.—France's war commissioners to the United States reached Hampton Roads today, and tonight they are bound up in the Chesapeake Bay for Washington, aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower.

U. S. Will Use English Rifle Government Will Abandon Plans to Produce Regular Springfield Weapon Temporarily.

Turks Again Are Defeated on the Tigris. British Force Enemy Back on Left Bank of Tigris and on Sinai Front.

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As promised, the "Jiggs and Maggie" Page is printed again today.

Will Be No Changes In Canada's Tariff

Sir Thomas White So Announces in Shortest Budget Speech On Record—Only New Taxes Will Be On War Profits.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 24.—In a budget speech of thirty minutes Finance Minister Sir Thomas White this afternoon reviewed Canadian financial operations since the beginning of the war; set out the trade conditions and loans made, declared the new taxation proposals of the Government and stated that having funds to carry until June, he would then arrange for an issue of treasury bills and next fall would offer another war loan.

Record For Time. Sir Thomas also made a record for time in the delivery of his budget, never before has a finance minister been able to make his statement in less than an hour, and many budget speeches have run to three and four hours.

Canada's Loans. "Since war began Canada has floated domestic loans to the amount of \$350,000,000, and Canadian banks have advanced in addition \$150,000,000 to the Imperial Government.

National Debt. As the result of this large war expenditure the net national debt of Canada which was \$384,000,000 before the outbreak of war has risen to over \$600,000,000, although this will not be shown by our official statements for some months to come.

Question of Revenue. The question of further revenue narrow down to abnormal profits made by business firms during the period of the war and this in my view is the proper and legitimate source to which to look for increased revenue to meet the increase of the war.

ARMSTRONG OF LAMBTON SPECIAL R. R. CHAIRMAN. Ottawa, April 24.—The common special railway committee today elected J. E. Armstrong of Lambton as chairman.

FRANCE TO HOLD ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Paris, April 24.—A semi-official note issued today denies a report of German origin that France intends to cede the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon to Newfoundland.

HUNS LOSE MANY AIR MACHINES

Thrilling Battle in the Air, in which British Bring Down Forty German Aeroplanes.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.) With the British Air Force in France, via London, April 24.—The intensely bitter ground fighting of the past two days has been reflected in the air, and the British royal flying corps yesterday established a new record by bringing down forty German machines.

15,000 Feet in Air. The fights took place 15,000 feet in the air, from which distance it is barely possible to see the ground, and wholly impossible to see an adversary unless the pilot deliberately follows down.

CASUALTIES AMONG N. B. SOLDIERS

W. Creary of St. John Killed—Frederickton and Moncton Men Also Yield Lives—Local Men Wounded

Ottawa, April 24.—Casualty list: Infantry. Wounded: S. LeBlanc, Alder Point, Little Bras Dor, N. S.

J. Gerow, West St. John, N. B. G. W. Mean, East Colebrook, N. B. Lieut. J. M. Manning, 158 Germain street, St. John, N. B.

H. H. Walsh, Upper Springfield, N. S. W. H. Puffer, Hantaport, N. S. C. K. Hallamore, New Cornwall, N. S.

G. L. Gay, Dartmouth, N. S. M. Ferguson, Broughton, N. S. T. J. Kline, 2 North Kilt street, Halifax.

G. J. Pratt, Summerville, N. S. Lieut. R. M. Keswick, Buctouche, N. B. D. Carrigan, Westville, N. S. D. J. Campbell, N. S.

R. R. Shaw, Rowd Hill, N. S. (Continued on page 2)