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CANADIANS RESTING AFTER GREAT FIGHT

Likely to Have Two Weeks Respite, Says Report

Tension on Home Folks Relieved But Anxiety For News in Casualty Lists is Keen—Nothing to do But Wait For Them and That May Mean Several Days—Likely Very Heavy Losses

Toronto, April 27—A Mail and Empire cable from London says: The Canadians have just been relieved, and are now resting behind the line. Hundreds of wounded are arriving at the base hospitals. Some are already here. Many are suffering from the effects of gas fumes. The first and fourth Ontario battalions did exceptionally brilliant work, but suffered heavily. Non-commissioned officers filled the gaps. These units, together with two Highland Battalions, were in the front line, bearing the brunt of the initial German attack.

The division now will probably rest for a week or two.

TENSION IN CANADA RELIEVED

Ottawa, April 27—Word from the front that after four days of intense fighting the Canadians have been relieved, has had the effect of removing some of the tremendous tension which has prevailed since the first news of the battle came on Saturday. The military department today has little news additional. Casualty lists are arriving but very slowly. When it is stated that casualties from the Neuve Chapelle fight some days ago are still coming it will be apparent that it will be several days before there is a complete list from the terrific struggle north of Ypres.

From all parts of the country some solicitous inquiries from relatives of soldiers. Those who do not figure in the lists may, of course, be assumed to be safe. Moreover, according to the War Office regulations, relatives have to be notified first. This is done immediately upon advice of the casualty being received. There is little delay at this end, what there is occurs mainly on the other side.

Experience shows that the heavier the fight the greater the disorganization and the resultant delay of assembling casualty lists where the engagement covered several miles of territory. Under the circumstances there is nothing to do but wait, however intense may be the strain of solitude. The fact that this morning saw somewhat of a lull in the receipt of news of the engagement is not interpreted here as meaning that all have been heard from. The severity of the hand to hand fight and the particularly heavy losses among the officers leads to the conclusion that the fallen in the ranks are all too numerous.

AS TO PRISONERS

Ottawa has no advice as yet confirmatory of a report from Berlin that 1,000 Canadians have been captured. There is a disposition to regard it as possibly true although likely exaggerated.

GENERAL HUGHES WANTS BETTER MUSIC

Ottawa, April 27—General Sam Hughes does not like the music furnished for the Canadian soldiers. He dislikes the rag time tendency of many bands and considers that the music lacks inspiration. "The Girl I Left Behind Me" the general considers an improvement on "Tipperary," for marching.

With the idea of having something better the minister has appointed Lieut. J. Slater, bandmaster of the Toronto Highlanders, Lieut. John Waldron, bandmaster of the Toronto Grenadiers, and Lieut. Light, bandmaster of the R. C. A. at Kingston, to arrange suitable music for soldiers to march to.

GERMANS ADMIT THAT CANADIANS UPSET THEIR PLANS

London, April 27—Troops of the allies defending Ypres are being attacked by the Germans from north, northeast and northwest. The great battle which began a week ago, 135 miles from London, is raging with undiminished fury. Despite their heavy losses, estimated at more than 25,000 in some despatches received here today, the Germans are maintaining their terrific offensive.

Emperor William is reported to have reached the Flanders front yesterday afternoon. If this is correct, still more furious attacks may be expected. While the Germans are continuing their attack upon Ypres, the keystone of the allies position in Flanders, the wedge that thrusts itself halfway across the Ypres canal is extending its front. It has reached Boesinghe about three miles from Ypres and is about two miles southeast of Lisserne, the first town stormed by the Germans on the west bank of the canal.

"Boesinghe has been completely destroyed," says a despatch from Amsterdam. "The ruins are burning, but stubborn fighting continues amid the wreckage. The collapse of the church steeple buffed German and French soldiers as they were fighting in the very shadow of the edifice."

"Lisserne is in possession of the Germans, who have held their ground despite repeated attacks by the French and Belgian troops. For a short time Sunday the allies gained the upper hand, driving the Germans from Lisserne back to the canal, but German reinforcements arrived in time to recapture the town."

The correspondent who sent this despatch and

Another St. John lad who has been through some stiff adventures near the firing line under Major Duval, of this city, is Corporal Willard Garnett, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garnett, of Lombard street, received a letter today, dated April 4, in which he gives some interesting news. The unit was then billeted in a schoolhouse, where they had established a hospital, and the shocks from the firing of the big guns nearby, he said, had broken most of the windows in it. In the last billet, where they were located, a bomb had been dropped from an aeroplane, shattering the glass in the building all over some lads sitting near a window, and two days later a shell struck a house just four doors away, and tore the rear of the building, killing a non-com sergeant stationed there.

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Drive For Calais Fails

London, April 27—The Kaiser's third drive for Calais has been stopped, and stopped short. German attacks on Ypres have been repulsed and the allies have the offensive.

Re-inforcements rushed to the allies have permitted them to regain considerable of the ground lost in the first furious attacks of the German Army.

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BRITISH ON OFFENSIVE; DRESS BACK THE GERMANS

Several Attacks by Enemy First Repulsed—British Artillery Cut Down The Huns

London, April 27—The following report from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces at the front, under today's date, was given out here today:

"Yesterday all German attacks northeast of Ypres were repulsed. In the afternoon our troops took the offensive and made progress near St. Julien and to the west of that place. The French co-operated on our left and farther to the north they took Hot Sas.

"In the course of yesterday's fighting our artillery took full advantage of several opportunities for inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

"On the remainder of the front, there is nothing to report. In addition to the destruction of Courtrai Junction, mentioned in the communication last night, our armies yesterday bombarded successfully stations and junctions at Toucoust, Roubais, Ingelmunster, Staden, Langemarck, Thielt and Rondev.

FRENCH REPORT GOOD

Paris, April 27, 2:45 p. m.—The official statement given out today by the French War Office reads:

"There is nothing to add to our communication of last night except that we consolidated our positions and continue to make progress to the north of Ypres and also on the heights of the Messes.

"The summit of Hartmann-Walckerkopf, which was taken from us yesterday morning, was recaptured by our troops the evening of the same day. We also took some prisoners."

BELGIAN REPORT

London, April 27—The following Belgian official report dated April 26, was given out today:—

"Last night our infantry repulsed three attacks made south of Dinant by the Germans, who again are using asphyxiating gas. The Germans sustained heavy losses.

"Today along our front the artillery of the enemy has shown a certain amount of activity. Our artillery replied with excess and by a strong proved of useful help to the French. These troops made an attack on Lisserne, which yesterday fell into the hands of the enemy, but which was wrested from them again this afternoon."

YPRES IN FLAMES

London, April 27—Ypres is in flames, the Germans having thrown a half of incendiary bombs into the town. Thus telegraphs the Morning Post's correspondent in Northern France. The fighting continues hotly all along this front.

"The Germans show extraordinary daring in bringing heavy artillery close to their front line, the guns used being mostly 13-inch Austro-Hungarian, on moveable carriages. The Germans also are using effectively armoured trains, carrying 47 guns. For the use of these trains the Germans have consolidated the railway system of light railways uniting several small towns in the neighbourhood of Ypres, to which they have added strategic branch lines."

BOMB IN TURKISH MINISTRY OF WAR

Paris, April 27—A powerful clockwork bomb was found hidden yesterday in the ministry of war at Constantinople according to a despatch from Salonika. It was timed to explode at an hour when the council would be in session. The meetings of these bodies are attended by Enver Pasha, minister of war, Field Marshal Goltz and General Liman von Sanders.

An investigation is said to have disclosed that the bomb was placed by a sweep. Several minor officials have been arrested. The police believe the plot was successful in the young Turks and the Germans.

GERMANS ON THE RUN IN AFRICA

Toronto, April 27—A Globe cable cable says:—General Duncan Mackenzie reports that mounted troops have reached Artilla, seventy-five miles north of Kenia, in German South-West Africa, and are still pursuing the enemy northward. General Vandevanter has captured a large stock of wagons and light carts in the vicinity of Berseba.

German Gas Bombs

Paris, April 27—The first wounded soldiers arrived in Paris from the Ypres front with signs of the asphyxiating bombs used by the Germans.

"Their famous bombs killed nobody," said one of the wounded Frenchmen, "they just put to sleep those who breathe the gas. The gas is not so dangerous as it is said to be. It is not so deadly as they say and it killed the sleepers. Fortunately help came and we finished by smothering them with blankets."

Beating their opinion upon descriptions of the fumes, chemists generally are of the opinion the bombs can do little harm in the open air, and require so many favorable conditions as to make their successful use doubtful.

Washington Relieved

Washington, April 27—The United States government officials were greatly relieved today because of the action of Commander Thierfelder of the Kron Prince Wilhelm interned his cruiser for the remainder of the war.

As a result, it will not be necessary for the navy department to keep watch over the cruiser and the allied warships off the Virginia Capes to assure the maintenance of American neutrality for the several days that remained in which the commander had been allowed to make his ship seaworthy.

Trawler Blown Up

Grimsby, England, April 27—The trawler Hecol was blown up in the North Sea on Monday. Several of the crew are missing. It is believed the Hecol struck a mine.

Greece Borrowing

London, April 27—"Greece is borrowing money with which to pay her expenses," says a news agency despatch from Athens. The "Herald" announces that the government is negotiating with American capitalists for a loan of \$7,000,000.

ITALY CALLS THEM HOME FOR CONFERENCE

Rome, April 27, via Paris, April 27—The Italian Ambassadors at Paris, London, Vienna and Berlin have been summoned to Rome to confer with foreign minister Sonnino.

The Noordam Released

London, April 27—The admiralty has released the steamer Noordam, bound for Rotterdam with American women delegates to the International Women's Peace Congress at the Hague.

SOLDIER CASE ENGAGES COURT

Police Rushed—Evidence as to Last Night's Trouble

An interesting case, was before Magistrate Bittcher in the police court this morning when Private Madden, a soldier, appeared to answer a charge of interfering with the police while they were in the discharge of their duty, and also assaulting Sergeant Rankine and inciting others to interfere with the police in an arrest.

Sergeant Rankine testified that while assisting Deputy Chief Jenkins to make an arrest last night he was assaulted by the defendant, who struck him with his fist in the face. While being cross-examined by Major McKenzie, who appeared for the defendant, he denied assaulting the prisoner when he got him in the cell, but acknowledged having a scuffle with him.

Policeman Albert Gill said he saw Madden strike Rankine, while he (the soldier) had him by the throat. He went to his assistance.

Deputy Chief Jenkins testified: "While going along Charlotte street last night about 9:30 o'clock, I saw a soldier named Stevens kick at a civilian and then push and attempt to strike him. The civilian retaliated, and I went and placed both under arrest. The civilian broke away from me. I started along with Stevens, when a large number of soldiers rushed up. Madden caught hold of Stevens and said he was a picket and would take him to the barracks. He refused to tell his own name and also that of the prisoner. By that time we were swarmed by a crowd to North Market street. I saw Policeman Gill and called for his assistance. Sergeant Rankine then came along and assisted in the arrest. At the drinking fountain I heard the prisoner call 'Andy' Stevens. The crowd then swept us across the street, and at that point the soldiers succeeding in taking the prisoner away from us. I then came to the station and wrote out a report against Stevens for fighting."

Later, the deputy said, Madden was arrested. While he was being taken to the lock-up a crowd followed them and cries of "charge the police," "use your side arms," and other remarks were made. He said six soldiers followed directly behind them, and if it had not been for them keeping the crowd back, he did not know what would have happened.

The case was then set aside until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The matter of right of the police or the picket to the custody of the soldier arises in the case.

ANOTHER SEALER MEETS MISHAP

St. John's, Nfld., April 27—The loss of the propeller of the sealing steamer Bloodhound, was reported by wireless.

This is the second accident of the kind sustained by the sealing fleet this season. The Neptune having been towed back to port last week. The sealing, which has met with little success, will end on May 1.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological services.