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ENEMY REPULSED AT KEMMEL HILL AND IN BAILLEUL SECTOR BRITISH COUNTER ATTACK WON BACK LOST GROUND

French Troops Fight Side by Side With Haig's Men

the Entire War; Call Made For Return of Robertson

By Courier Leased Wire

London, April 18 .- The past five days have been the most anxious the British people have known since the beginning of the war. The first phase of the German attack was directed against both the British and French fronts and British troops have had to bear the whole force of the second at-

There is no lack of confidence that the British soldiers will do all any men can do and there is the greatest pride in their gallantry and their stubborn defence with backs to the wall aaginst great odds, but as the Germans have continued day after day nibbling away sectors of the Flanders front, regaining towns small and unimportant themselves, but historic as zones of bloody battles waged and gained in the past two years by the British, Canadians, Australians and South Africans with tremendous costs, the question has forced itself upon the public whether it is fair to expect them to continue fighting indefinitely against such superior masses. Another question is whether blame does not rest in high quarters that the soldiers are placed in in position to diers are placed in a position to be outnumbered constantly.

There is great anxiety for news of the French reinforcewhich Haig General Maurice, support. director of military operations at the War Office, to-day likened the battle to a Waterloo, where all depended on the arrival of a Blucher. If a Blucher should fail to arrive, is a contingency hardly discussed. But last night's announcement that the French are co-operating with the British in the north

gives hope as far as it goes. In the meantime the newspapers are discussing the situation with the greatest freedom. The war cabinet is being criticized sharply by some military experts and editors. Col. Repington, in The Morning Post, says the British forces are greatly inferior in numbers to the Germans and says this inferiority is due to the refusal of the war cabinet to act on the advice of the general staff and the French staff for an increase in man power given months ago.

Several newspapers are, calling for the return of Sir William Robertson, former chief of the imperial general staff. The retirement of General Robertson was followed during the past week by that of Major-General Trenchard, chief of the air staff. General Trenchard was appointed only three months ago and was welcomed generally as the one man for the work. He now goes because of differences with Lord Rothermere, the civilian head of the air service, as General Robert-

son was supposed to have gone after similar difficulties. "Bring back Robertson," is the appeal with which the weekly paper John Bull, having a great circulation among the masses, has placarded the country to-It would be no surprise if that becomes a general demand to-morrow.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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cold throughout the Dominion. cold and unsettled with light local the Canadian executive by the Lonsnow or sleet to-day and on Friday. don War Committee.

Breaking Up of Anti-Conscription Meet-

Pry Courier Leased Wire tending the breaking up of an anticonscription meeting in Belfast yes-terday, according to a despatch to The Daily News. Revolvers were used and baton charges were made by the police, who were pelted with stones. Virtually every plate glass window in the street was smashed. Fifteen thousand persons participated in the meeting which was called by the Labor party. The trouble was precipitated, the despatch says, by 200 young shipyard workers.

PTE.F.J. GULLEN BELIEVED DEAD

Member of 125th Battalion Had Been Missing Since May Last

Official notice has been received by Mr. J. F. Gullen, that his son, te. W. Roy Gullen of the 125th Brant Battalion, and who was reported missing last May, is now presumed to have died. Pte. Gullen, who is the son of J. F. and Mrs. Gullen, Echo Place, has a wife and family who also live at Echo Place. He went overseas in August, 1916, and was among the first 310 men who were drafted into France. Ha went over the top at the battle of Fresnoy on May 2nd, and was reported missing on May 3rd, 1917. Since that time everything possible has been done both by the military authorities and his friends to find some trace of him, but without some trace of him, but without some trace and are fighting side by side chemically side of the French border goes on the flat possible, the forcing a further retirement in the Berlin ropogts the Germans have occupied, were scenes of desperate encounters in the hard-won British the further retirement in the River colonies. He was born in How large the French forces are that have come to help the British has not been disclosed. Field Markhal Haig's assistance and are fighting side by side side of the British to the more than the further retirement in the Germans have occupied, were scenes of desperate encounters in the hard-won British the further retirement in the Germans have occupied, were scenes of desperate encounters in the hard-won British has not been disclosed. Field Markhal Haig said last week that heavy french reinforcements were moving as related by a German, who has just been captured, is contained in a message from the Belgian front to Senasage from and was among the first 310 men

U. S. MUST SUPPORT MEN OVERSEAS

Condition of Troops is Excellent, Says Baker

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, April 17.—Secretary er of the front the enemy threw Monday and British guns reaped a of War Baker's observations in Europe were laid before President Wilson to-day at the White House. did not falter and the Germans ... "The big thing for America to do gained nothing in payment for sanis to support the war, to support it guinary losses. financially and with firm belief. the Secretary told newspaper men who met him at the War Department. "The right arm of America is in France. It is bared and ready to strike. The rest of the body is here in the United States and it must support the arm."

The condition of the American troops, the Secretary said, is ex-cellent. They are all well physicaly, their spirits are high, their be haviour admirable and their relations with the French and British cordial and sympathetic, he said. The impression one gets in France is one of determination, conidence and enthusiam, said Mr. Ba-

"The American, British, French and Italian armies are filled with this tremendous spirit and the civ



LT.-COL. HARRY BLAYLOCK, who has been appointed commis sioner overseas for the Canadian extending from the Missouri Valley Hodgetts, resigned. Col. Blaylock to New England. The weather is has done most valuable service for the Canadian Red Cross in France during the past three years. His Fresh northwest and north winds, appointment was recommended to

Past Five Days Belfast scene of Most Anxious in Serious Rioting UNDIMINISHED IN INTENSITY, GREAT BATTLE CONTINUES ON WIDE SPREAD FRONT

London, April 18.—Rioting at- Three German Attacks in Bailleul Sector Beaten Off—Heavy Bombardment of British Position on Southwestern Portion of Levs Battle Front Reported To Be 1 . 11 49 Still In Progress

> London, April 18-Southeast of Kemmel hill, on the northern battle front, the Germans pressed back the British line slightly, but the situation was restored by a counter-attack, the war office announces. During the night there was no change in the British front. In the Bailleul sector the Germans made three attacks

> each case suffered a complete The Germans opened a heavy bombardment on the British positions on the southwestern part of the Lys battle front between Locon and Robecq during the night. The bombardment was still in progress at

before noon yesterday and in

dawn to-day. The text of the statement reads:

on the British front during the night. "The hostile artillery has shown great activity on the southern portion of the Lys battle front from Givenchy to

east of Robecq. A heavy bone-

bardment of our positions be-

tween Locon and Robecq was still continuing at dawn, "Local attacks were reputsed by our troops yesterday evening in the Morris sector. More detailed accounts of the fighting of yesterday on the Forest of Nieppe-Wytschaete front establish the severity of

the enemy's losses. Southeast of Kemmel Hill the German infantry attacked in three waves and at one point pressed back our line slightly. In this locality the situation was restored by a counter-attack and short-ly after midday the attack had

Wednesday the Germans gained

no new ground east of Mervile to

been repulsed at all points. In the Baillenl sector the enemy attacked three times before midday and in each case suffered a complete repulse. "Our line of yesterday morning was reported intact on the

WITH U. S. FORCES With the American Army, in France, April 17—(By the Associated Press) - American troops operating on the Lorraine sector, have taken over control of No Man's Land on this front, Patrolling parties are making almost nightly visits up to the German wire

entanglements without encoun-

tering any resistance. Twice in 24 hours an American company has assisted French troops in a neighboring sector to regain trenches temporarily taken by the Germans,

THE WAR SITUATION IN REVIEW

with the British in stemming the are retiring to prepared positions front and on the Picardy battle along or close to the line from which front on the French sectors, there During the past 24 hours the the offensive was launched in 1917. has been no infantry activity. Beiheaviest fighting has been along This would place the new line prob- gian troops north of Ypres have rethe Lys on a front of 15 miles from ably near Boessighe, Wieltje, Hooge pulsed German attacks and capturwest of Merville to Wytschaete. The and Hill 60, southeast of Zillebeke ed 600 prisoners in ejecting the British took the offensive and regained Wytschaete and Meteren six

Berlin's official communication atpied. and about two miles east of Ypres. enemy from trenches he had occumiles east, northeast of Hazebrouck tempts to make it appear the Ger-

Wednesday, but the Germans in mans gained towns on the old langstrong counter-attacks forced them ders battlefield after fighting. The GERMAN TROOPS to retire again. Along the remaind-British retirement was carried out ARE WELL TRAINED the Franco-British defense, but it when the Germans penetrated the did not falter and the Germans abandoned positions. Rehearse Long and Care- leap over and destroy them. We also fully Before Launching

the training German troops are recei-

Their Attacks

DERBY GOING TO PARIS AS AMBASSADOR

Viscount Milner Becomes War Secretary in British Cabinet

By Courier Leased Wire London, April 18.—Official announcement was made to-day that the Earl of Derby has been ordinary and plenipotentiary on a special mission to France, in succession to Lord Bertie.

Viscount Milner becomes secretary for war and J. Austen Chamberlain a member of the

war cabinet.
Alfred Milner, first Viscount Milner, has been a member of the British war cabinet without portfolio since December 10, 1916. Earl of Derby has been at the head of the War Office since the Lloyd George cabinet took office in De-cember, 1916. Previously he had been director of army recruiting and air minister.

Announcement was made some time ago that Lord Bertie was about to leave his post in Paris, where he has been ambassador since 1905. Lord Bertie, who was raised to the peerage in 1915, entered the foreign office in 1863 and was formerly British ambassador to Italy. He is 74 years old.

Undiminished in intensity the been carried out has caused senti-pressure east of Hazelbrouck shows great battle in Flanders and south across the French border goes on. Chendaele and Poelcapelle, which Having retired east of Ypres, the Berlin reports the Germans have oc-

tor Henri Lafontaine, president of the executive committee of Gifts for Bel-

gian Soldiers. "We are taught to throw at a target at some distance while standing lying, sheltered in a trench or while running;" the account says. "At first empty grenades are used, then half charged ones and finally ones fully charged. We also have to learn to throw grenades used by the enemy in case they should be found in any renches. We are taught to run into all kinds of obstacles, to construct, to be able to handle

guns and to be able to manipulate bombs. machine guns infantry cannons. This all New York, April 17.—An account of ternoon we are taught the theory of takes place in the morning; in the af-Continued on page 4

Retirement From Passchendaele Ridge a Master Stroke; Line of Defense Greatly Shortened

With the British Army in France, April 18 .- (By the Associated Press)-Had anyone said a month ago that there would soon be rejoicing to see the British withdraw and abandon the Passchendaele Ridge system, which was won with such difficulty last summer, it would have excited derision. But the whole British army is glad at this bold move. It not . only lessens the danger from the enemy drive about Wytschnete and Baillen!, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. seems hard in a way to give up ridges over which the British battled forward in such a spectacular fashion last summer, but it is decidedly for the best and will help defeat Prus-

The retirement was a result of matured judgment and was no snap shot affair, for it was known it was pending. The new lines had been prepared and artillery had been placed in position before the infactry quickly began to pull back un-der cover of darkness. If the Germans anticipated any such anive, they did not look for it. at the time it, happened. They began to push cautiously forward when it became apparent that nothing unusual had hap-pened. They found the forward positions vacant and advanced in great numbers. Then the British artillery opened at an opportune moment and de-luged the whole territory with an inferno of fire which worked havoc among the wandering

infantry. The Germans must now pull forward and once more mat-the difficult heights, and they will have to drag their artitlery up over bad ground to the positions which it occupied be-fore the British offensive began last summer. It will be an oundesirable task.

CANADA TO FORF (By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press correspondent) Canadian army headquarters, April 18—All night long Cana-dian guns, both heavy and light have been active against the enemy positions, shelling hos-tile batteries, routes, railways and dumps, while time after time hostile infantry positions, assembly areas and communications. assembly areas and communica-tions have been swept with a harassing fire. Indeed, since my last cable artillery activity has Canadian frout. There have been constant duels between our own and enemy batteries. A considerable amount of gas has been used.

Early this morning we carried out a small projector gas bombardment against the eue-my positions to which the Huns replied with gas shelling, but neither operations approached the magnitude of our heavy gas shell bombardment reported in my cable of April 8 in which over 9,000 shells were fired on hostile artillery positions. That gas bombardment was as successful as it was extensive, twenty-two out of thirty-two hatteries engaged having

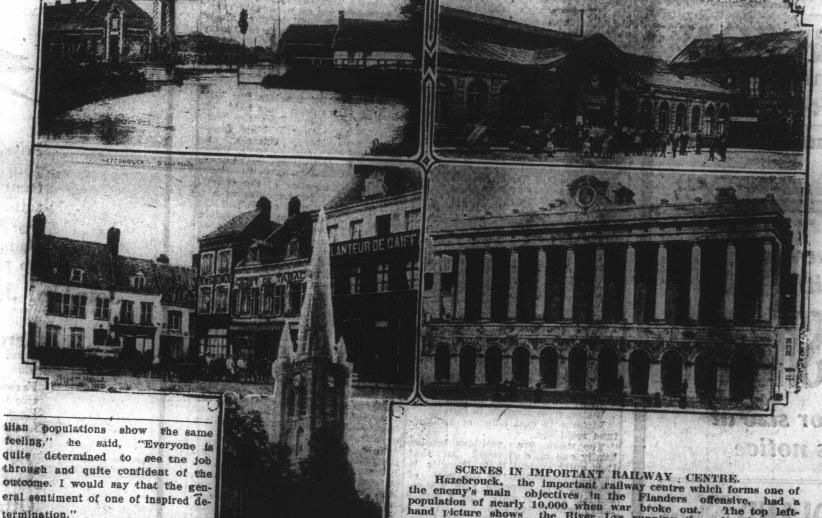
out of action ever since.

While our guns have been a
tive our infantry have had
comparative quiet time, Exce
clashes between patrols. I
vicious encounter with hosti raiding party, twenty strone of our patrols drove raiders back in disorder, ing six, capturing two and wounding ten at least. We suffered only three slight casual-

ON FURLOUGH.

Bombarder Howlett of Terrace Hill, and Pte. W. Grant, 52 Rose Avenue, have arrived home on fur-lough for three months. They went out with the first lot from here,

Joseph Bowlby and James Gambie, jr, were killed when the auto in which they were driving was over-turned in the ditch at Paincourt,



Mr. Baker declined to discuss the drive on the west front. He said the situation had been covered by Pre-

mier Lloyd George when he stated

that alternate periods of cheerful-

ness and anxiety must be endured

for some time to come.

wave after wave of attackers against heavy harvest in the enemy ranks

Although the retirement east of Wytschaete, but were compelled to

Ypres was to be expected for strate- use large forces in recapturing Myt-

gical reasons, the fact that it has schaete and Meteren. The German

Hazebrouck, the important railway centre which forms one of the enemy's main objectives in the Flanders offensive, had a population of nearly 10,000 when war broke out. The top left-hand picture shows the River Lys running through the town, spanned by a bridge, typical of all in that region. Beside it is the railway station. The Grand place is the subject of the bottom left-hand picture. Beside it is the fine city hall, while the bottom is the Church of St. Eloi.