

GREAT OFFENSIVE OF CROWN PRINCE AT VERDUN DIMINISHES IN INTENSITY

Tremendous Battle That Began on Sunday Brings Small Results to the Hun-Germans Claim the French Lost Heavily—Italy Call Out Territorials.

SUPREME EFFORT OF CROWN PRINCE SPENDING ITSELF.

PARIS, April 11.—The French war office reports that west of the Meuse the Germans made an attack last night on Dead Man's Hill advancing from Corbeaux wood. They obtained a footing in a few small elements of trenches, but otherwise were repulsed.

There was violent bombardment of Douaumont and Vaux during the night.

It is further stated that the supreme effort of the Crown Prince which began Sunday is spending itself. The battle continues, but its violence is diminishing perceptibly. It is rumored a French counter offensive is preparing.

GERMANS CLAIM 36000 FRENCH PRISONERS SINCE FEB. 21.

BERLIN, April 11.—It is claimed the French lost heavily during the evacuation of Bethincourt and subsequent operations. It is also claimed that thirty-six thousand French prisoners have been taken since Feb. 21.

ITALY CALLS OUT TERRITORIALS.

ROME, April 11.—Italy has called out all her territorial militia, in addition to recruits of the 1890 class.

FRENCH INFLUENCE GROWS IN SPAIN.

LONDON, April 11.—French financial influence in Spain has so increased it is reported, that the power of the Krupps at Madrid has been shaken badly.

BRITAIN TO INCREASE RESTRICTIONS ON LIQUOR SALE.

LONDON, April 11.—Government control of the liquor trade as foreshadowed by the recent heavy taxation and a limitation of the hours of opening seems likely soon to become a fact. It is understood the liquor control board has purchased some saloons and purposes to acquire all licensed houses in Cumberland.

CANADIAN SOLDIER FOUND SHOT.

LONDON, April 11.—Sergeant Francis William Partridge, Canadian Engineer, was found shot at Folkestone with a rifle by his side.

SPAIN ANGRY OVER SUBMARINING OF STEAMER.

MADRID, April 11.—The owners of the Spanish steamer Sant'Andrino have been notified that the vessel was sunk by a submarine and that the passengers and crew were given fifteen minutes to leave the ship. Four were drowned. The affair has produced a painful impression on the Spanish press and public.

ALLIES' DESIGNS ARE UNCHANGED.

LONDON, April 11.—On the occasion of a government reception to visiting French senators and deputies at Lancaster House last night, Premier Asquith took the opportunity to reply to the speech recently delivered in the Reichstag by the Imperial German Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg. Those present included Earl Kitchener, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Sir Edward Grey, J. Austen Chamberlain, Sir Walter Runciman, Lewis Harcourt, Viscount Bryce, A. J. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil.

The Premier, in proposing the toast "Our Guests," referred to Von Bethmann-Holweg's

claim to readiness on the part of Germany to negotiate peace, and said:

"The German chancellor wants us to assume the attitude of a defeated to a victorious adversary. But we are not defeated; we are not going to be defeated."

Reiterating that the allies were only prepared for peace on the terms of his declaration of November, 1914, Mr. Asquith proceeded:

"The chancellor first misquotes my language, then proceeds to distort its obvious meaning and intention. Great Britain and France entered the war, not to strangle Germany or wipe her off the map of Europe; not to destroy or mutilate her national life; certainly not to interfere with, or use the chancellor's language, the free exercise of her peaceful endeavors.

"As a result of the war we intend to establish the principle that international problems must be handled by free negotiation on equal terms between free peoples, and that this settlement shall no longer be hampered or swayed by the overmastering dictation of a government controlled by a military caste."

FRENCH RETAIN LINES IN HEAVY VERDUN FIGHTS.

LONDON, April 11.—Fighting almost as furiously as in the first day of the assault, seven weeks ago, the Germans today made determined attempts to oust the French from the position Le Mort Homme-Cumieres ridge, and they signally failed, the French general staff reporting that they were unable to move the French line anywhere.

The intensity of the bombardment increased west of the Meuse in the morning. About noon the German launched a heavy attack on the southern bank of the Forges Brook, and were repulsed. They debouched from the region of Haucourt-Bethincourt for this offensive. Their assaults were very violent and cost them a great number of men, without enabling them to make any headway.

On the north of the Mort Homme-Cumieres lines the Germans, after artillery preparation, made many attempts to attack, but they were checked by the French curtain of fire. East of the Meuse, the corresponding position of Cote du Poivre was heavily bombarded, but the enemy made no attack here. But at the end of the day he came out of his trenches and made several furious attacks against the French positions in the Callette Wood, north of Douaumont but these attacks were all repulsed.

Artillery activity was quite pronounced in the Woevre, while in the Argonne, French batteries caused serious damage to the German positions north of La Harassee, and they cannonaded the portion of the Avocourt wood occupied by the enemy.

Three Fokker aeroplanes have been brought down by the French.

SPANISH STEAMER FELL PREY TO A SUBMARINE.

LONDON, April 11.—The Spanish steamer Sant'Andrino is reported to have been sunk by a torpedo, according to an announcement made by Lloyds.

The same agency says that the British steamer Margam Abbey, has been sunk and that her crew is aboard a steam trawler, which passed the Lizard bound for Falmouth. No report has been received concerning the crew of the Sant'Andrino.

PLAN TO PROROGUE SPEEDILY WAS GREAT SURPRISE TO COMMONS

OTTAWA, April 11.—The House of Commons received a surprise last night when, just before adjournment, Hon. Robert Rogers, who was leading the House, announced that he government desired to prorogue parliament next week.

Hon. George P. Graham said in reply it was generally understood that the government intended at this session to deal with the railway situation. Financial aid, he understood, was to be extended to the Quebec and Saguenay, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Measures of such importance, he argued, should not be "jammed through the House without discussion." Moreover, he took it for granted that the minister of militia desired to be heard

in his own defence before the end of the session.

Mr. Rogers said that unless the boat was late, General Hughes would be in his seat on Friday. The railway legislation to be brought down was not of so important a character that it could not be adequately considered and disposed of in time to permit the House to prorogue on the 21st inst.

Little progress, however, was made toward winding up the business of the session. The afternoon was devoted to a desultory discussion of the Doherty Bill, which still remains in committee. The entire evening was taken up with the estimates of the post office department and opposition members were evidently playing for delay, both this afternoon and evening.

Coals Caused Fire In Hen Coop

Some ashes which a lady rearing

on Front Street just south of the railway tracks placed in a hen shed for the fowls to scratch in, caused a small fire yesterday afternoon. Unknown to the woman, in the ashes were some

Mr. N. W. Rowell Pays Tribute to His Colleagues

(Special to The Ontario)

TORONTO, April 11.—A tribute to the public spirit of his colleagues in the Legislature during the last five years, and their unfaltering and now successful advocacy of radical temperance reform, was paid by Mr. N. W. Rowell on Saturday afternoon, speaking at the Annual Meeting of the East York Liberal Association, held here.

"While the Temperance Bill was under consideration in the House," said Mr. Rowell, "the Premier and Provincial Secretary presented their views on the part taken by the Conservative party of this province, in connection with legislation dealing with the liquor traffic, and while I did not find myself in entire agreement with these portions of the addresses, I offered no criticism then, and I am offering none today. I realize the difficulties which the Prime Minister faced, and the efforts he has been compelled to put forth to reconcile many members of his party to the course which he has pursued. I took advantage of the opportunity of congratulating the Prime Minister on the introduction of this legislation, and I endeavored to pay a tribute to the noble, disinterested and self-sacrificing service of thousands of the citizens of our province who have toiled and struggled for years to secure this great reform. May I be pardoned this afternoon if I pause to pay tribute to the worthy part played in this great struggle by the gallant band of men who surround me in the Legislature.

"When my colleagues and I adopted our policy for the abolition of the bar, a number of the Liberal members who gave their hearty assent to the conclusions reached, stated that the adoption of such a policy would mean defeat for them at the ensuing election. Although these men recognized that they were taking their political lives in their hands, although they believed that the course proposed probably meant for them political defeat, they cheerfully and heartily joined with us in framing the policy because they believed it was in the public interest. What some of my colleagues feared came true, and they fell in the general election of 1914, nobly and courageously fighting for the cause which is today triumphant. They gave their political lives that this cause might triumph.

"My friends who sit around me adopted this policy, not at a time when almost all men were its advocates; not at a time when it was considered the proper and patriotic thing to do; but they adopted it at a time when some people, at least, were disposed to scoff and mock, and at a time when we were described by many as faddists and cranks.

"In venture to think," declared Mr. Rowell, "that there is no finer chapter in the history of the Liberal Party in this Province than the heroic efforts and sacrifices made by the party during the past four years in the interests of temperance reform; and there are no men more gratified today than the Liberals of Ontario that this great achievement is today the work of a united Legislature."

Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.E., for Prince Edward County, spoke with Mr. Rowell and told of the efforts of the Liberals in the House to secure agricultural reforms.

Seeing City Life

Two local lads by the name of Edgar Covert and Keith Sharp got tired of the home town and decided to see city life. They boarded a C.N.R. train a few days ago and went to Toronto, and after a short stay in the big city they decided that home was best after all with the consequence that they returned on Monday of this week.—Deseronto Post.

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MILITARY NOTES.

Each of the ten battalions, including the 155th of Hastings and Prince Edward, that will come to Barriefield will have a central kitchen, which will contain three cooking stoves per company, making a total of twelve so that all battalion cooking will be done under one roof, where it can be done more thoroughly, economically, and under the direct eye all the time of the sergeant cook.

The cooking of each battalion being centralized, will make it possible to keep the camp in the cleanest possible condition, as all garbage will be kept in one place for each battalion, making only ten garbage points to collect from for over 11,000 men.

The new cooking and messing arrangements combined with the thorough training of cooks in the school of military cookery will place the C. E.F. from this out on a footing with the best armies of the world.

Each battalion will have a frontage of 502 feet, with a depth of 375 feet.

Arrangements are being made to erect a new office building 90 feet long by 26 feet wide. This will be near the present administration building.

Tomorrow the officers commanding the C.E.F. battalions of the 3rd District will assemble in the city for a conference with Colonel Hemming. The conference will take place in the afternoon.

Lt.-Col. E. W. Rathbun, who left Deseronto in command of an artillery brigade, has been made inspector of canteens at Shorncliffe camp.

The 22nd Battery which left Kingston in charge of Major Riordan was made up of a very fine type of men. This battery left for England in February, 1915, and on the 22nd of that month was presented with colors in the Kingston Armouries by the Kingston Veterans' Association, the ceremony of consecration being performed by Bishop Bidwell. On arriving in England the colors were placed in Westminster Abbey, where the Dean of Westminster placed them over the tomb of the indomitable Wolfe, who on the Plains of Abraham shed his blood to make Canada a part of the great British Empire. The 22nd Battery is somewhere on the big battle lines in France and Belgium. Major Riordan is engaged in England in instructional work.

The 52nd Battery is commanded by Capt. Shaw who enlisted in the 34th battery during his days at Barriefield camp, qualified at the Royal School of Artillery, was given a commission, and later given command of the 52nd battery, at the Dry Dock barracks. Much of the recruiting for this battery has been done around Belleville, Peterboro, and other outside points.

We congratulate Mr. R. H. Pearce, proprietor of the News, on being promoted to the rank of Captain—Campbell Herald.

Dr. George B. Archer has applied for a position on the medical staff for overseas service. Dr. Archer is at present at his home here.—Campbell Herald.

Revolving among most of the units in the 3rd District is somewhat slow and commanding officers find it difficult to reach the eligible boys a Kingston exchange.

Mr. Stapley, 91 Chatham St., of the Parcel Express, has received word that his son Albert, who has been homesteading in the west, has disposed of his stock and gone to Winnipeg and enlisted. Another son, Edgar is a member of the 155th Battalion.

The 155th Battalion went on route march this afternoon.

The conference of commanding officers, adjutants and medical officers of overseas battalions of the third division called for tomorrow at Kingston has been postponed.

Col. Adams and Capt. Gilmore are in Picton today on business.

Capt. Dr. Harper of Madoc is in town today.

The 155th may go to camp at Barriefield about the middle of May.

Mr. Ivy Roblin of Belleville and his Gray Dori, brayed the bad roads and made the trip from Belleville to Tweed on Tuesday in about two hours. This is good going, as in some places the mud was up to the hubs.—Tweed News.

The 51st Battery has several Belleville officers, Lts. Waters and Faulkner. This battery is really the successor of the 32nd. It is commanded by Major Barrett of Barriefield.

This battery is 165 strong, and has almost entirely been recruited in Ottawa. In its ranks are many men

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from the civil service departments at the capital, with a good sprinkling of men from the Ottawa Street Railway service. The appointed officers are as follows:—Officer commanding, Major E. C. Barrett; Lieutenants, J. C. Hyde, D. Peck, D. M. Waters, S. D. Faulkner. Those attached for instruction and duty are: Lieutenants Kilpatrick, Goodeve, Acton, Wurtell, McCurdy, Simmons and Webster.

The 33rd battery was a Kingston battery, commanded by Major Winthrop Sears, but has a Belleville Sergeant-Major in Chas. A. W. Thompson. Major Sears went into camp with about 20 men, but he was determined that his battery should be recruited to strength at an early date, and he succeeded.

Blind Pigs Going Strong

With nine places licensed to sell liquor in Cobourg one would think that enough booze could be purchased without any more places cutting into the trade. But, evidently, nine is not enough, as blind pigs have opened up and are supplying liquor at all times of the day. The location of some of these hell holes is known and why they are allowed to continue their dirty work is more than any right thinking person can understand.—Sentinel-Star.

Pte. Sessions Fined \$25 and Costs

Arthur Sissons, 155th Battalion, was tried in police court this morning on a charge of having assaulted M.P. Earl Masters of the same unit on the night of April 3rd. Evidence was given before Police Magistrate Masson by constables, civil and military. As a result of it all, however, Sissons was found not guilty. He was not without striking distance of the men when he had a so-called weapon in his hand at the top of the stairs in a house on Water Street. The charge of assault was accordingly dismissed.

Sissons was further charged with having been drunk and disorderly. On this he was convicted and fined \$25 and costs or two months in the County jail.

In the evidence in the first charge references were made to certain statements by the accused as to the English and Canadians, but the court said Sissons was not on trial for seditious language.

Mr. Payne of the firm of Porter and Carnow prosecuted. The accused was not defended.

Work on City Clock

Mr. John Roblin began this morning his work of repairs on the city hall clock. The north dial looks like a cripple with hands, for the wooden "arms" that register the time were taken off that disc.

Col. Ponton Assize Prosecutor

Colonel W. N. Ponton, K.C., has been appointed by the Ontario government to conduct the criminal business as Crown Prosecutor at the Spring Assizes here, which open on Tuesday the 18th inst., and will be presided over by Mr. Justice Middleton.

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At the inquest in Port Hope on Tuesday on the body of Pte. George Williams a member of the 136th Battalion who was found dead in a gutter, with an empty whiskey bottle near him, the jury brought in the following strong verdict:

"We find from the evidence submitted that death was caused by suffocation while deceased was in a state of intoxication, after falling into a ditch with running water, on the west side of Mill Street, on the G.T.R. right of way, about 30 feet north of the viaduct, between the hours of 3.00 p.m., on March 31st, and April 1st, 1916."

In connection with the above verdict, we believe it to be within our prerogative, as well as our duty, to make the following suggestion and statement:

"In our opinion, the source from which this unfortunate person (who had enlisted in the 136th Battalion) obtained that which was the direct cause of his untimely death should, at once forfeit his license; and all others who dispense intoxicating liquors contrary to law should at once be placed out of bounds.

Nicholas Aselstine

There passed away on April 1st at the home of his daughter in Trenton another of Madoc's old landmarks at the ripe age of 88 in the person of Nicholas Aselstine. Mr. Aselstine spent about 38 years in this place and was familiar with many of the incidents in the lives of its citizens. He leaves to mourn his loss four daughters and two sons; Mrs. King, with whom he lived during his late illness, Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Potts of Trenton; Mrs. John Gilroy, of Cos Hill; Mr. Sardus Aselstine of Belleville, and Mr. Nicholas Aselstine, of Madoc. Messrs. Dalmen King, Jephtha Hawley and Wm. Potts, of Trenton, followed the remains to Madoc where they were interred.—Madoc Review.

New Industrial Developments

The trail smelter, in which the Canadian Pacific has a large interest has started construction of a plant where sulphuric and hydrofluoric acid will be manufactured and which is expected to be ready for operation in two months.

A site is also being cleared for a copper refinery and the existing lead refinery will also probably be extended. The new plant for the manufacture of zinc is now in operation. Though shipments have not yet commenced the copper converters, now in course of installation are nearing completion and should be working shortly. The new lead mill is in operation and working well.