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Ground Regained at Wytschaete and Meteren Retaken By British

CALL TO MEN OF 20 TO 23

Just as Soon as Resolution Is Passed in House.

DISCUSSION TOMORROW

Notice of Ten Days Will Be Given Those Affected by Order.

Ottawa, April 17 .- The report of the roceedings of the secret session of Parliament this afternoon will be confined bsolutely to the official statement to be given out through the speaker of the House. Under the regulations issued ast night by the Government, the makthat supplied by the speaker will con stitute an offence. The attendance will confined to members of the House and the members of the Senate, the later occupying seats in the galleries, the afternoon sitting of the Senate being dispensed with in order that they may How long the House will remain secret session is entirely a matter of conjecture. It depends upon the dis-position of members to discuss the mes-sage the Government will present to Farliament. The order-in-council passed vesterday amending the M. S. A. and providing for the calling out almost im-mediately of all men between the case. ediately of all men between the ages 20 and 23 years will not be a matter formal discussion today. It will be an address a resolution in both sday in opening debate Houses on Thursday in opening debate immediately the resolution has received the sanction of Parliament, the call will

PRESS CENSORSHIP SUGGESTED TO STOP RACIAL BAD FEELING Want To Avenge Comrades

L'Action Catholique Hints to Federal Government.

MIGHT BRING HARMONY

Paper Believes Ottawa May

esterday L'Action Catholique, the rench clerical organ, says: 'There is considerable feeling in cerair official circles on the hostile attitude which is daily becoming more pronounced in the English press of the country against the French-Canadian

minority. "The recent troubles in Quebec brought out this sad mentality in all its brutal provocation. It is difficult to secure, with such conduct, the harmony which should exist between the two

"Would it be timely to exercise a censorship in this connection, and will the Federal Government dare to do it?

"That is what is asked with anguish." Even though the provincial authorities wished to intervene, this step would not be effective, owing to the fact that the Ontario press would be entirely free; that certain attacks could not remain manswered.

Forecasts.

showers and local tnunderstorms today and on Thursday. Temperatures.

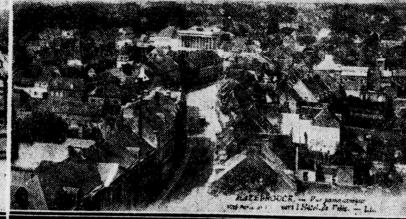
Parry Sound Port Stanley Cloudy Fair Fair Fair Kingston

Weather Notes, The northwest low area has moved but little since yesterday, and is now centred in Dakota, while another from the southwest states is in Illinois, approaching the Great Lakes. The weather is showery in Western Ontario and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, elsewhere Color

elsewhere fair.

WHERE THE ENEMY IS AND WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO BE





Bailleul has fallen into the hands of the Germans, who are now driving at Hazebrouck. The latter town Is a second Verdun as to its importance and every effort is being made to keep it from the foc.

SEVERAL RAIDS CARRIED OUT BY

ing public of any information other than Heavy Artillery Fighting Between Somme and Oise Rivers.

> Paris, April 17.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the principal battlefront between the Somme and the Oise, the war office reports. The statement follows:
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> "On the front between the Somme and the Oise there was great activity of the artillery on both sides and patrol encounters occurred.
> "The French carried out several raids, especially southwest of Butte-Du-Mesnil, in the region of Tahure and north of Filrey. We took a number of prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse a German attack east of Samogneux was repulsed. Otherwise the night passed in

Portuguese Officers All Anxious To Go To Aid of the Allies

Who Have Fallen In

the western front, and the words of to Portugal on the bravery of the Por Paper Believes Ottawa May
Take Up the Question
Before Long.

Quebec, April 17.—In its news columns
esterday L'Action Catholique, the

GERMAN ELEMENTS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CZERNIN'S EXIT

Also Attacking Von Kuehlmann on Weird Pretext.

the fall of Court Czernin are beginning to attack the German foreign minister. Dr. von Kuehlmann, on the pretext that the did not protect Germany's economic

50.000 POUNDS OF PEPPER!

Are Londoners heavy consum-ers of pepper or are they laying in supplies of the hot stuff on ac-count of the possible shortage of fuel next winter? is the question which naturally arises when one learns that a London spice mill ordered twenty-five tons of this commodity on Tuesday. The commodity on Tuesday. The broker who landed the order immediately cabled it to Singapore and it is expected that the shipment will be started on its way immediately.

advance of a numerically superior enemy—and is holding with all tenacity every foot of ground, but disaster cannot be imagined, for the allied line is still unbroken. In this connection, Gen. Haig's appeal to the troops is recalled, when he spoke of the French forces hurrying to the support, and confidence is felt that they will intervene at the proper time. The present battle is a repetition of Verdun on a grander scale, with Bailleul, Neuve-Eglise, Wytschaete each representing Beaumont Farm, all offered to the enemy at the price of his exhaustion.

No More Delay.

It is pointed out, however, that the allied tactics of delay cannot be practiced much longer, as the German successes now threaten not Ypres alone, but the control of the coast. It is even the substitute of the long of the find court-martial, who told him that the hour of explation had arrived. These were the only words spoken by Bolo exwects that the reflection that this is not the original German plan. Their objective last the hour of explation had arrived. These were the only words spoken by Bolo exwects, the red of the capture of the hird court-martial, who told him that the hour of explation had arrived. These were the only words spoken by Bolo exwects, a more important centre than Bailleul. They were stopped have also Amines, justic the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains the hour of explains the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains the hour of explains the hour of explains the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains the hour of explains the hour of explains the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains the hour of explains arrived the hour of explains the hour of explain

Battle.

cesses now threaten not Ypres alone, but the control of the coast. It is even urged by some experts that it would be better to abandon Ypres and Passchendaele immediately, for the Germans are now behind Ypres. Both north and the western front, and the words of praise sent by the British Government to Portugal on the brayery of the Castellan Step Correspondents testify from their own experience to the magnificent spirit of the English and Scottish regiments, who are fighting so sturdily. Every man is convinced of ultimate victory, and some writers suggest that Admiral Beatty's sweep of the Cattegat strait is connected with the anticipation that the Correspondents testify from their own experience to the magnificent spirit of the English and Scottish regiments, who are fighting so sturdily. Every man is convinced of ultimate victory, and some writers suggest that Admiral Beatty's sweep of the Cattegat strait is connected with the anticipation that the control of the coast. It is even who are fighting so sturdily. Every man is convinced of ultimate victory, and some writers suggest that Admiral Beatty's sweep of the Cattegat strait is connected with the anticipation that the control of the coast. It is even of the English and Scottish regiments, who are fighting so sturdily. Every man is convinced of the English and Scottish regiments, who are fighting so sturdily.

LLOYD GEORGE DEFENDS BOTH HOME RULE AND CONSCRIPTION

Latter Undertaken Reluctantly, But Under Dire Necessity-Carson Will Support Man Power Bill, Even if the Sinn Feiners Get in Power, Rat her Than Live Under German

NOW OFF TO DUBLIN. London, April 17 .- The Irish Nationalist members of Parliament, having fought conscription to the last in the House of Commons, are now leaving for Dublin to formulate plans for resisting it.

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Sorship in this connection, and will the rederal Government dare to do it?

"That is what is asked with anguish. "Even though the provincial authorities wished to intervene, this step would not the effective, owing to the fact that the Ontario press would be entirely free; that certain attacks could not remain unanswered.

"We have reason to believe that the question will be taken up shortly at Ottawa, and that it will be discussed."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the provincial authority and the grant pression in Austria and German people and the German element of the minister, and after his resignation was announced began a vigorous campaign for the appointment as his successor of complete the present bill to Ireland and the attempt to tax the American colonies against the individual to the present bill to Ireland and the attempt of the minister, and after his resignation was announced began a vigorous campaign for the appointment as his successor of complete that the discussed."

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 35.
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London, April 17.—In defending the manpower bill in the House of Commons before its passage on third reading yesterday, Premier Lloyd George declared that no, fair analogy could be drawn between the application of the minister, and after his resignation was announced began a vigorous campaign for the appointment as his successor of the Hungarian whose views agree with their will, because in the latter case it was a matter of taxation without representing tread in the House. The presentation, and further, no measure of self-revented was a matter of taxation without representing

Dr. von Kuehlmann, on the pretext that he did not protect Germany's economic interests sufficiently in the treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

Must Meet Foe Numbers.

Ireland, after the report handed in by the Irish convention, expected that the Government would do something, and American opinion supported Irish conscription provided by the convention of the provided by the convention of the conve

American opinion supported Irish conscription provided Ireland was offered self-government. The Government was exercising only the best means of carrying on the war, and Great Britain with Ireland included, must make ready to meet the new contingent of 550,000 men Germany had called to the colors. Concerning the situation in Flanders, the premier said that the British, although giving up territory, had lost for nothing vital. Gen. Plumer was quite confident, as was Gen. Foch, the allied commander-in-chief. He declared the British army was still in the way of the enemy, adding that the French army was intact and the American army is coming across the seas. He urged the country to stand together firmly and steadfastly.

which she is now threatened, and if you which she is now threatened, and if you put me under a government of Nationalists or Sinn Feiners, I support it, because no more detestable domination could be put over the world than that of the Germans."

In discussing the manpower bill, the premier asked whether conscription in Ireland was to be the Government's only answer to the report of the most remarkable convention ever held in Ireland. Such an answer would be regardmarkable convention ever held in ire-land. Such an answer would be regard-ed as unsatisfactory, not only in Ire-land but in England. If there was Continued on Page Three.

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN **BUNGLER IS FIRED**

Prince Von Hohenlohe Discharged as Court Chief.

London, April 17 .- Prince von Hohen lohe, chief of court to Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, has been discharged, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. Count Alexander Esterhazy, brother-in-law of Count von Revertata, has been appointed his successor. Count Revertata, while counsellor of

the American legation in Switzerland, sounded out a French envoy early in 1917 on the probable chances for opened that France took the initiative, but former Premiers Ribot and Painleve de-clared that it was Revertata who sought and arranged the meetings. Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, resigned Sunday.

was intact and the American army is coming across the seas. He urged the country to stand together firmly and steadfastly.

Carson Supports it.

Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader. said he would continue to support the manpower bill, adding:

"Even if you put Ulster in a subordinate position to the rest of Ireland, with

BOLO DRESSED WELL FOR FINAL TRAGEDY

Faced Firing Squad Without

Proper Time—Worst Fea ture Is Continued Arrival
of German Reserv es From Russia.

London, April 17.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The gravity of the position resulting from the latest German successes is admitted here in the newspapers, but still no note of despondency is recognized.

The British army has been assigned to an arduous role—that of delaying the advance of a numerically superior envery foet of ground, but disaster can the imagined, for the allied line is unbroken. In this connection, Gen. is a speal to the troops is recently to the specific of the property of the position of the property of the propert So much the better; I am delighted!" one-half miles.

CAPTURE OF BATUM

Defended by Armenians After Russ Left It.

London April 17.—The capture by the Turks of the city of Batum is an-nounced in an official statement is-sued at Constantinople on Monday.

IN SEEKING NEW POSITION KNOWN

oldiers of Maple Leaf Have F ought Over and Held Blood-Soaked Sectors-Many O bstinate Barriers Still Block German Advance, and Fri tz May Be Making Trap For

BY PTE. ERIC ROSS GOULDING. regiments and brigades to whose The ground over which the British have lately fallen back is well known to the Canadian army. The capture by the Germans of some portion of the Messines Ridge, with the simultaneous evacuation by the British of the villages of Wulverghem and Wytschaete, and further to the south of Neuve-Eglise, bring back memories. These villages are situated almost due east of Bailleul, and were nothing means the standard warm of the simulation of the simulation of the simulation with the simulation of the simul back memories. These villages are situated almost due east of Bailleul, and were nothing more than a heap of stones as far back as the latter part of 1915. They must be nothing better than gaping craters now. The Wytschaete-Ypres sector is so far intact, and the high ground lying to the southwest of it should prove an obstinate barrier to the Germans. Hilly ground in the vicinity of Kemmel, Locre, La Clytte, Reninghelst will form a natural physical difficulty in the path of the German, should he attempt an enveloping movement towards Poperinghe, Steenvoorde, and thence southward on to Hazebrouck. All these places, mostly villages, have been used for three years past as the rest billets for British and Canadian troops. More especially are they associated with the Canadians, since they were used as bases and rest billets for the

BRITISH ADVANCE NEAR WYTSCHAETE AND TAKE METEREN FROM ENEMY

THE WAR SITUATION

schaete, the Germans are battling desperately to gain other points on the high ground south and southwest of Ypres. After fighting with huge forces for eight days the Germans Tuesday got out of the lowlands, but to make their gains secure they must push on further. The British resistance every step of the way, is striking back dog-

The situation, it is admitted in London, is more serious than at any time since the German drive in the north began. Some British newspapers already advise the evacuation of the hard-won sector of Ypres and the Passchendaele Ridge, which is a con-tinuation of the Messines Ridge.

Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons that he was hopeful of the situation, adding that General Plum-mer, the British commander in the Messines area, and General Foch, the Allied commander-in-chief, were both confident. Nothing vital, the premier said, had been lost. The enemy, he added, had not wiped out the British army, which was his aim.

In capturing Wytschaete and height of Spanbroekmolen to the southwest, the Germans drove the British from the high ground at the southern tip of the Messines-Passchendaele Ridge, which extends for 14 miles from Wulverghem to Passchendaele in a northeasterly direction. From Wulverghern to Wytschaete is two and Ypres lies four miles this directly north of Wytschaete, and be tween them are the heights of Zillebeke and Observatory Ridge which are equal in height to Wyt. schaete, sixty metres.

To wipe out the Ypres salient the ridge and must cut the railroad from Hazebrouck to Ypres, which is one of the main supply lines to the British ing white gloves.

Before setting forth from the prison,
Bolo asked to be permitted to partake
of communion.

After the execution the form of an interment at Vincennes was gone through, and then the body was turned over to Bolo's family.

Ballleul, and four miles east of the railroad, and six miles east-northeast of Hazebrouck. Directly west from Bolo was taken to the office Wytschaete and north from Ballleul, is When Bolo was taken to the office to go through the formalities of his removal from prison for the execution he refused to sign the registrar. The official insisted, upon which Bolo cried in an authoritative tone: "It is I who command here; no one has anything more to impose upon me, I think!"

The chaplain, after the execution, found lying over Bolo's heart two emproidered handkerchiefs, which had been pierced by the bullets. One was

have repulsed German efforts, especlally around Merville, the centre of the line. German attacks have broken pulsed an attack there near Boyelles. Somme, the German artillery fire has The enemy bon continues violent in the Montdidler

developed. On the American sector around St. Mihiel, the weather has been unfav-orable for three days, but the Germans have not repeated their attacks of last near the Bois-le-Pretre, the French have repulsed German efforts. In Macedonia, northeast of Saloniki

Batum is a Black Sea port in the trans-Caucasian territory, taken from Russia under the terms of the peace treaty. This region has been evacuated by the Russians, but its occupation by the Turks is being resisted by the Armenians. the Bulgarians have been driven from

TERRITORY EVACUATED BY BRITISH AS FOREIGN HOME OF CANADIANS

care the sector from Ploegsteert opposite Messines, to Ypres, was in-The German occupation of Bail leul, with the object of more easily reaching Hazebrouck, a railroad junction of importance, signifies a thrust from the direction of Armentieres northwestward. In any case, since the Ypres sector is holding firm, the German armies are simply creating for themselves a tremendous salient, running south from above Ypres through Wytschaete

above Ypres through Wytschaete, Wulverghem, Neuve-Eglise, and thence on to Bailleul.

In the neighborhood of Bailleul, such places as Mesteren, Berthen, Boeschepe, Westoutre and Dranoutre were the foreign homes of the Canadians. Steenvoorde, Hazebrouck, Bailleul and Poperinghe, due north of it, and astride one of the main roads to Ypres, have always been used as concentric points for the storage of supplies of all the main roads to Ypres, have always been used as concentric points for the storage of supplies of all sorts. These towns are well known to us, and it was from Steenvoorde many a Canadian soldier has marched to Hazebrouck and thence entrained for the Somme.

The German thrust is not over, but he seems to be making for himself something of a trap.

Withdraw From Forward Positions East of Ypres To New Line Without Interference and Destroy Advancing Troops.

FOE REPULSED NORTH OF BALLIEUL

Attempted Attack by German's East of Robecq, After Bombardment, Broken Up by B ritish Artillery Fire and Positions Elsewhere Restored.

With the British Army in France, April 17, 10 a.m.-(By the Associated Press).—It was reported this morning that the British, fighting magnificently, had regained the much-contested town of Wytschaete, although this was not confirmed at the time of filing the present dispatch.

London, April 17.—The battle in Flanders is raging today with incredible intensity, telegraphs the correspondent of Reuter's, Limited, at the British army head quarters in France. As far as the latest reports enable the correspondent to judge, the battle is going in favor of the British. Notwithstanding the desperate attacks of the Germans they have gained no further ground since Tues day morning, and apparently they have lost some.

During his three years' experience in the war zone the correspondent says, he never has heard such terrific and uninterrupted gunfire as has gone on since Tuesday afternoon, and which continued as he filed his dispatch this morning.

ADVANCING AGAIN

The British at dusk on Tuesday, says a Reuter dis patch from the British headquarters in France, were advancing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete, south of Ypres, and were reported again to be holding the ground which they had lost there.

Among the numerous enemy attacks Tuesday after noon and evening in the northern front in Flanders, one in great force in the Zillebeke sector was disastrous for the Germans, whose massed waves were shot down at close range. They apparently were ordered to retire, and then the British gunners got on their flank, the correspondent says, and the slaughter was appalling.

METEREN RECAPTURED

London, April 17.—The British have recaptured Meteren, on the northern battlefront, by a counter-attack it is announced officially,

The British positions before Ypres have been with drawn to a new line.

South of Arras the Germans were driven out of British trenches into which they had forced their way. Early this morning the German artillery became more active south of the Somme.

The British made a successful counter-attack in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. Repeated German attacks north of Bailleul were repulsed, the Germans suffering heavy losses

SUCCESSFUL COUNTERS.

The statement follows:

"Yesterday evening we delivered a successful counterattack in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. At Meteren, also, our counter-attack restored the situation, and the village remains in our hands. Throughout the afternoon and evening yesterday repeated hostile attacks north of Bailleul were repulsed with loss to the enemy. Bodies of German infantry advancing in close formation were caught under the fire of our troops at short range and suffered heavy casualties. We secured a few prisoners."

"The enemy also endeavored to develop an attack yes terday afternoon east of Robecq, following the bombard. ment already reported, but his advance was broken up by

WITHDRAWAL DELIBERATE.

"In consequence of the progress made by the enemy on the Lys front, our troops holding our forward positions east of Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line. The withdrawal was carried out deliberately, without in terference by the enemy. Yesterday afternoon parties of his troops advancing over our old positions were caught by the fire of our outposts and destroyed.

"On the battlefront south of Arras, parties of German infantry who had entered our trenches opposite Boyelles were driven out yesterday afternoon with the loss of several prisoners. Our line in this locality has been com-

The hostile artillery activity increased considerably early this morning on the British front south of the

TO ST. ELOI, SAYS REPORT.

London, April 17 .- According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from P aris, the Germans have advanced from Wytschaete as far as St. Eloi, and also have a grip on the souther n slope of Mount Kemmel.