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Germans Mass Big Army For Attack on Calais

MORE MEN AND MATERIAL THAN WAS USED IN FIRST ATTEMPT

Are Now Being Gathered in Belgium For the Supreme Effort to Break the Allies' Line

London, April 24.—The German rush in Flanders and Wevre, where they claim to have had considerable success, are believed to be the forerunners of another big effort to break through the Allies' lines in the West. For many days Belgium has been sealed from the observation of neutrals, while reinforcements from Germany are being moved south to take part in the new offensive, which they hope is to carry them to Calais and possibly break the resistance of the Allies.

The attack in Flanders, originally levelled against the French, has been transferred to the British lines held by the Canadians on the immediate right of the French, where for two days the men from the Dominion

driven out by the French first line, which they had pushed back. These offensive movements by the Germans have been possible by the state of the ground on the Eastern front, where operations have been virtually impossible until spring floods have subsided. Taking advantage of these conditions, the German General Staff have transferred large numbers of troops to the West, in order to make another big effort, which shows they are not content to rely on a passive policy.

It is believed that half a million new German troops have reached Flanders and that more guns and material are to be used than were provided for the original attempt to destroy the Allied armies in the West, attempts which met with failure both in August and October.

In the meantime the Eastern front is enjoying a period of comparative calm, except in the mid-Carpathians, where the Russians continue to attack the Austrians at Uzsok Pass, and to the eastward, where the Austrians and Germans are trying to crush the Russian flank. Both sides report success. The operations in the Dardanelles are apparently still confined to the bombardment of the Turkish entrenchments, while preparations are being made for the landing of the Allied forces, part of which is already on Turkish territory at Enos and other points.

GERMANS LOSE NINE THOUSAND MEN

Forcing a Passage of the Yser Canal Cost the Enemy Dearly

Paris, April 24.—Heavy losses already have been inflicted upon the Germans in the fighting about Ypres. Despatches from points south of the battlefront state that fighting continues over a front of about eleven miles, but that the German attacks seem to be weakening under the fire of the artillery massed against them, and that they are being forced back. Messages from St. Omar estimate the German casualties at more than 9,000 in the attacks that resulted in their forcing a passage of the Yser canal. The hamlet of Poelcapelle, which was occupied by advance guards of the Germans in their first plunge forward, has been recaptured by British troops. The Germans finally were driven out early this morning, after they had fought hand to hand with the British soldiers for five hours.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE ARGONNE

In Which the French Take a German Trench and Make Advance

Paris, April 25.—The War Office statement this afternoon follows:—In Belgium our counter-attacks continued successfully in close co-operation with our Allies. The Germans, who attacked us with two army corps, continued to employ asphyxiating gases. During the day some of our projectiles which did not explode, were found to contain a large quantity of these gases. We have made sensible progress towards the north, on the right bank of the Yser canal. The British troops, notwithstanding the violent attack of

the Germans, of which we spoke last night, have on our right maintained all their positions; and in Argonne we took a German trench, captured 2 machine guns, and made some prisoners. The action was a local one, although it was of a most violent character.

On the heights on Meuse, at Colonne trench, the Germans made an attack with an entire division on a front of one kilometre, about two-thirds of a mile. At first they compelled our first line to give way, but we quickly regained this position by a counter-attack.

We Want More Men And Want Them Now!

Says Dr. Thomas MacNamara, Parliamentary Secretary of Admiralty, Addressing a Recruiting Meeting in London, Yesterday.

London, April 26.—Addressing a recruiting meeting on Sunday, Dr. Thomas MacNamara, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty said, "If you assume that Earl Kitchener is not only gratified but satisfied with the response to these all for volunteer you fall into a very serious error."

"We want more men! We want them now, so that they may be properly trained to play an effective part in the struggle."

About three-fifths of the tobacco imported into the United Kingdom is from the United States.

Seven or Eight Hundred Miles Soon to Flame

Germans Preparing a Big Move in the Carpathian Mountains

Petrograd, April 23.—Military experts of the Russian press are divided in opinion regarding the true meaning of the present operations. The official military organ, Russky, for over a month past has been presenting the readers with the idea that as the Carpathian operations develop, and when Hungary has been invaded, the Russians will drive forward in irresistible force upon the direct road to Berlin from Warsaw. The Novoe Vremya expert scouts this idea as a mere bluff, and points out that the Grand Duke's strategy has had one constant aim from the outset of the war, namely, to reach Berlin by way of Vienna. This expert shows that the combined enemy forces now arrayed against Russia from the Baltic to the frontiers of Rumania are not under two and a half million men. Moreover, the disposition of the forces has changed during the past couple of months.

Germans in Carpathians. Some Austrian troops were with the Germans in the Niemen-Vistula raid, between the lower Vistula and the Danajec, a tributary of the upper Vistula. The Austrians are now in a majority, and the Germans, mainly represented by a disproportionately large artillery force, are concentrated especially on the northern sections of this front, and chiefly on the Bzura and generally against Warsaw.

On the Carpathians front the further one looks the more numerous become the German forces and new formations and troops which have been again withdrawn from the Franco-Belgian front continue to move through Hungary.

It is evident, says the expert, that Germany, commanding the entire military resources of both Germanic Empires, is preparing a general attack along the whole strategic front. Where the men are fewer an endeavor is to be made by means of guns to supply their place, but the whole seven or eight hundred miles will shortly be aflame from end to end.

The Grand Duke's strategy aims at the occupation of the rich plains of Hungary, with the double object of waging war at the enemy's expense and assisting to starve the Germans, who have been deriving large supplies from Hungary so that instead of striking at the German frontiers, which have been made as impregnable as human knowledge can make them, the Russians are thus little by little cutting away all Germany's supports until the moment is reached when Germany must stand bare and alone. A final effort will then bring the Teuton monster toppling down.

Russian strategy has turned all the German plans for this war upside down. A decisive battle, according to this expert, may be expected very shortly. The German dispositions are approaching their completion. In Bukovina and on the Niemen, their displays of energy are diversions. The battle will shortly be opened by Germany. If this means anything beyond supposition, it means the Germans hope to save the situation by an overwhelming blow from the Czenstochowa-Craoow front.

In any case, the next few weeks must see the greatest battle in the world's history, the numbers arrayed in arms against one another totaling five million men, extending over from 700 to 800 miles, as the crow flies, but actually over 1,000 miles of fighting line. The numbers, however, yield in importance to their quality, and Russia has in both respects indisputable superiority. As to the quality of the enemy's forces after eight months of war, it is estimated the Germans have lost 88 per cent. of their active army, that is, men especially trained for the purpose of world conquest. The Austrians have lost an active army twice over. Therefore, the coming battle will be delivered by the Germans with troops of whom four-fifths will be last reserve men, while Austria's armies are wholly of an improvised kind.

In the human being the left lung is rather smaller than that on the right side.

New Plan of Attack on Dardanelles Has Begun

Canadians Stand The Brunt of Battle

Ottawa, April 25.—Over 80 officers of the First Canadian Expeditionary Force, are now in the list of killed and wounded, as a result of the titanic struggle at Landstarek, and there are fears that the number may be augmented.

So far the list of losses among the men has not been called, and it is not expected any more will be reported.

Tehy Did Their Duty Says Sam Hughes

Ottawa, April 24.—"They would never leave these guns in the hands of the Germans," said Major Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, regarding the Canadian victory, when shown the British War Office statement.

"They have done what was expected of them, what we all knew they would do, and that was their duty. Yes, this despatch makes us prouder than ever of them. I am sorry that the despatch says there were many casualties, but we must be prepared for those, however many of them."

Allies Prepared To Meet Attack

Second Big Battle in Flanders Has Begun, For Which the Enemy Has Been Biding His Time—Capture of Hill 60 Somewhat Upset German Plans

London, April 26.—While semi-official statement issued at Paris last night seeks to minimize the importance of the action at Lange Marck accusing the enemy of magnifying their success in order to influence neutral countries, London attaches the greatest importance to these operations.

The Times military correspondence this morning says, some think this will be the greatest battle of the war, but the Allies are well prepared to meet any German offensive in this quarter, and it need not be considered that there is most danger where there is most noise.

The Times correspondent in Northern France says a second battle of Flanders has begun. The enemy has been long carefully preparing for it, and was biding his time, waiting for a favorable moment to develop his attack, but our unexpected capture of Hill 60 had the double effect of upsetting the enemy's calculations, and compelling him to postpone, if not to abandon his contemplated attack on the British position, and to dis close his mind in a premature attack on the French lines, to the North.

The trawler Envoy supposed to be sunk by a German submarine, was brought safely into the Tyne yesterday.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12,if

The S.S. Prospero sailed for Western ports at 4 a.m. yesterday, taking the following passengers:—Rev. C. Lench, Messrs. C. Way, W. Garland, J. O'Driscoll, C. Benning, J. Doyle, H. Dibbin, J. Meehan, M. Parsons, J. Kehoe, Miss Malloy, Mrs. W. Garland and Mr. Parsons.

S.S. Eagle, with Bloodhound in tow, left Pool's Island this morning, but had to return on account of ice in the Bay.

Bowring Bros. had a message from "Terra Nova" this morning which reads: "40 miles south-west of Grindstones; ice tight, not making much headway; nothing new to report."

The local train via Brigus arrived at 12.30. A few workmen from the Marconi Towers came along by her.

A girl 7 years of age, suffering from diphtheria, was removed to hospital yesterday from Monroe Street.

TROOPS LANDED AT THREE POINTS FOR ATTACK ON TURKISH FORTS

Fleet Renews Its Vigorous Bombardment of the Straits and of Various Points West of Gallipoli

London, April 26.—The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent says: "The new Dardanelles' attack by the Allies has begun with the landing of troops at three points. First at Enos, the second on Suvia Promontory, west of Gallipoli Peninsula, and the third on Bulair Isthmus. The object of these troops is to capture the Turkish forts on Gallipoli Peninsula, and to prevent the sending of Turkish reinforcements across Bulair Isthmus. The troops have captured Enos and the passage from that port into the interior is not expected to offer any difficulties. Meanwhile the fleet on Thursday renewed its vigorous bombardment of the Straits and of various points on the West of Gallipoli."

THE CANADIANS' CALLANT CONDUCT

Ottawa, April 24.—News of the glorious and successful charge of the Canadians in the great battle north of Ypres, reached the Government on Saturday, and was communicated to Sir Robert Borden, at his residence, where he is still confined by illness. The Premier at once cabled congratulations to General Alderson, commanding the Canadian division, in the following terms:—

"Report of the splendid gallantry and efficiency of the division under your command, has thrilled all Canadians with pride. Warmest congratulations."

Premier Borden, during the afternoon received the following cable from Earl Grey, formerly Governor-General of Canada:—

"Reports of the gallant conduct of Canadians have made me more proud, happy, and delighted than I can tell. Ten thousand congratulations. Long live Canada."

Sir Robert answered this message with the following:—

"Deeply appreciate your message. Canada very proud that her sons have upheld so worthily the splendid traditions of our great pioneer race."

Another congratulatory cablegram reached the Minister of Militia from Colonel Lord Strathcona, who inspected the last annual training camp at Petawawa, and is now with General Sir John French as Staff Officer. Lord Brook telegraphed:—

"Heartiest congratulations on the magnificent behaviour of Canadian troops."

THE CANADIAN LOSSES VERY SEVERE

Swept Back By the Germans They Re-form and in an Impetuous Counter Attack Retake Four Guns and Capture Prisoners

London, April 24.—Canada loomed up prominently on the bulletin boards on Saturday night, in the newspapers of London. "Canadians saved the Situation." "Well done, Canadians," and "Bravo, Canada," these were some of the headlines which appeared. Reference in this evening's statement from the War Office, in the "Evening News," says:—

"The War Office give us, in this message, the kind of prompt news we want. To-day's glorious bulletin will live always in the military chronicles of the Empire."

The despatch reveals that the left of our line, which was unavoidably left uncovered by the French retirement, was held by the Canadians, who were the first in the battle line and eager for the clash. The Germans did not capture the guns. They fell into them when the Canadians were swept back. Later, and with what impetuosity and firm resolution we are left to imagine, the Canadians made a counter-attack, retook four guns they had left behind and made German prisoners.

Unhappily their casualties were heavy, but all around the Empire will re-echo the praise of the War Office for their conduct."

The express with passengers and mails is due at 10.30 p.m.

The weather along the line of railway to-day is light and fine with the prevailing wind N.W. Temperature ranges from 20 to 40 degrees.

The North Sydney, Port aux Basques service, is again open, and the steamers Bruce and Kyle are now calling at the Sydney terminal instead of at Louisburg as heretofore.

Head Peet who got back to the city from Channel on Saturday, says that he counted some 29 bankers in that port, and that all the ships were well fished with halibut.

It was rumoured this morning that one of Baine Grives' vessels on her way to this port, had been torpedoed by a German submarine, but enquiry of the firm does not verify the report.

Yesterday afternoon a motor cyclist in turning the corner of Maxse St. got scared by a dog to such effect that he ran into Mr. Parson's shop window on Hayward Avenue, doing considerable damage.

It was reported around town this morning that Mr. George Hunt who had gone to the front with the Canadian contingents, had been injured in Saturday's engagement. Mr. Charles Hunt however, had not heard anything re the matter when we enquired of him.

On Friday night last the meat store of Mr. Chaytor, on New Gower St., was entered by some unknown thieves, and a considerable amount of cash stolen from the till. Entrance was made through a side window, and though the affair has been reported to the police, no clues have as yet been discovered.

S.S. Argyle left Sound Island at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.

S.S. Kyle left Port aux Basques at 5 a.m. to-day for N. Sydney.

PERSONAL

Mr. D. A. Ryan, who has been to the United States on a business trip, returned to the city by last night's express.

Mr. George McGuire, of the city, left by the Florizel on Saturday on a business trip to New York.

Mr. Mark Chaplin is home again, after a short visit to Canada and the United States.

Mr. Joseph Lacey, ticket agent, at the R. N. Co., who had been ill the past week, is again on duty to-day, though he is not yet fully recovered.

Mr. C. A. C. Bruce, wife and son, are passengers by the express due to arrive to-night.

The Rev. F. A. Matthews arrived to the city by the last cross-country express.

Bowring Bros.' launch, which was sunk in collision, is now on dock, having repairs effected.

The express which arrived yesterday got off the track three of four times on the road from Port aux Basques. The rails are always in bad condition this season of the year.

S.S. Prospero left Placentia this morning at 6 o'clock.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh winds, fair to-day, then light falls of rain or sleet.

Cape Race (noon)—Wind West, fine and clear; nothing passed in this morning.

Roper's (noon)—Bar. 29.60; ther. 48.

Wind and weather report to Marine and Fisheries to-day: Change Islands—Wind N. E., fair, cold; ice on land.

Bonaville—Light North wind, fine; considerable quantity heavy ice in mouth of bay but not enough to prevent steamer getting north.