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First Rush  
Is Stemmed

Enemy Believed Now Preparing  
Another Great Blow

Two Sunday Attacks on British Near  
Albert Repulsed—A Little Progress  
Along the Luce—No Nearer to Amiens  
—Paris Bombarded Again

London, April 1.—The Germans made two attacks on British positions in the western outskirts of Albert last evening, and in both cases were repulsed. The war office so announces.

South of the Somme the enemy persisted in his attempts to advance along the Luce and Arras valleys, but made little progress.

The number of machine guns taken by the British in their attack near Arras on Saturday was 109.

THE TURNING TIDE.

London, April 1.—Today's reports, although showing continuance of heavy fighting, are favorable to the Allies. The enemy has made no further progress since the direction of Amiens or towards the Oise Valley, while French forces in brilliant counter-attacks have recaptured some of the lost positions.

MAIL TO TAKE GRIEVANCES.

Paris, April 1.—The battle continued with extreme violence last night in the sector north of Mont Didier, large bodies of troops being thrown in by the Germans. The French and British troops broke up the assaulting waves.

Further south the fighting was no less violent, the Germans making incessant attacks in an effort to capture Griennes. The French regained possession of the town and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

London, April 1.—The belief is held that the first crush of the enemy has been stemmed. He is engaged in the process of consolidating his positions and bringing up heavy artillery, and it is expected that when this work has been completed another big blow will be delivered with all the energy which he still has.

THE NEWSPAPERS are occupied with the new man power proposals and America's expected participation in the fighting. The Standard advises the generals to "think in the offensive."

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First Such Operation Since  
Great Battle Begun

MANY MORE OF ENEMY KILLED

Fighting Very Severe But British  
Pluck Prevails—Report of Serious  
Disaster to Germans at One  
Point—Cavalry Effective

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The last twenty-four hours continued unbroken to the aggressive Germans along the British section and was a strikingly good period for the defenders.

The most intense fighting continued south of the Somme, where the British have been making such a gallant stand. The outstanding feature of the conflict on the northern end of the front is that the British again have killed a great number of the enemy, which, despite its harsh sound, is what will end the war.

Today the British initiated a forward movement about Peuchy Copses, east of Arras. They launched a local attack at three o'clock this morning and pressed it so vigorously that they reclaimed a stretch of territory 1,500 yards long and averaging about 200 yards in depth.

South of the Somme, the British appear to have succeeded in retaking the town and hall of Moreuil, about which sanguinary struggles have been going on since the beginning of the war.

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NOT SUCH FOOLS AS THEY LOOK. HINDENBURG'S "WELL-KNOWN" army are starving, but if you hold on a bit longer our friends in England will shortly arrange a general strike and then we shall gain the victory!

HUNGRY SCYTHES: "Is this another first of April stunt?"

Gallantly Filled The Breach Till The  
Reinforcements Came

Spectacular Feature of the Sturdy British  
Defence in Time of Special Stress

British Headquarters in France, Mar. 31.—(Associated Press)—It is now possible to tell of a spectacular feature of a brilliant British defence last week below the Somme. It is the story of a little army composed largely of assortments of troops hastily assembled in a great crisis and who successfully held a vital stretch of the front against furious German onslaughts until reinforced.

The incident is more spectacular, but hardly finer in spirit than that of seven British soldiers. These lads had been home in England on leave and on landing at a channel port in France could find no transportation to the front.

Did they sit down and wait? They did not. They tramped almost every foot of the way to the battle lines to take their place beside their hard pressed comrades.

ALL IS QUIET IN QUEBEC TODAY

Laverge Helps in Toning Things Down; Suggested That Outside Troops be Removed and  
M. S. A. Enforcement Put in New Hands

Quebec, April 1.—Peace has been restored in this city, at least temporarily. The unruly element has accepted an assurance by Armand Laverge, Nationalist politician, that if they desire to be free from attacks by the military they must not disturb the peace.

Mr. Laverge denied today that he had said in a speech he made to a mob last night that he had exacted conditions from the military to withdraw the outside troops. He had merely indicated what each side had done.

General Lessard in Charge. This morning Gen. Lessard, inspector general of Canada, who has been temporarily in charge of the Halifax military district, reached the city and took charge. He said that the situation seemed to be well in hand, but that no definite statement could be made by him for some time.

The Toronto and western troops sent here, arrived yesterday afternoon. The Toronto men consisted of the second battalion, C. O. R., under the command of Major E. Gooderham Mitchell of the general staff, Toronto.

With the infantry came a section of the Royal Dragoons, which have been stationed at Toronto. The westerners comprise a corps of engineers voluntarily enlisted from all parts of the western provinces. They were moved here yesterday from St. John.

The Toronto battalion was not long in getting into action. When trouble started last night they threw out a line, cutting off the lower town, in which reside most of the forces behind the mob faction. The rioters were slowly rounded up and were isolated. The soldiers had begun to move the rioters down the street when the disturbance was taking place when Armand Laverge made his appearance. He was given permission to address the people and the military suspended operations while he did so.

The warning of Mr. Laverge to the people to disperse was effective. That the military were prepared for any emergency last night was indicated by the warnings issued by patrols to people in the streets. The people were told to keep out of the streets as their presence there might be a danger to them.

Harbor Revenue. Harbor revenues for the month of March totaled \$22,207.41. The revenue for the first three months of the year show an increase of more than \$8,000, as compared with the same period in 1917.

Canadian Guns  
Roaring on The  
Heights of Vimy

Rain of Shells on Enemy on Eve of Anniversary of Capture of Ridge—This Morning Quiet—Arras and Vimy Among Chief German Objectives

Canadian Army Headquarters in the field, via London, April 1.—(By W. A. Willson, Canadian Press correspondent)—On Easter Monday, a year ago, Canadian soldiers moving mightily to the attack, captured Vimy Ridge. This Easter Sunday, the soldiers of the dominion are united with the British troops north of the Scarpe, in defence of the southern flanks of those heights which dominate so much of the vital coal areas of Northern France.

Canadian guns played a part in defeating the German onslaught against the positions opposite Oppy Gasselles on last Thursday. Early yesterday morning German preparations for a further attack were effectively defeated by the massed fire of our artillery. At 5:45 o'clock, at 4:30 o'clock and again at five o'clock the southern flank of Vimy, stretching out towards Arras, was alive with the boom of our guns which rained shells on the enemy's front lines, communication trenches and assembly areas.

Our strokes were directed chiefly upon hostile communications, our machine guns maintained a hail of fire across No Man's Land and upon the enemy's front line, while our heavy artillery kept up a harassing fire for two hours, increasing to battle barrage at stated intervals, when every gun was firing shell upon shell as fast as they could be fed to them.

After such a concentration of fire the Hun attack never developed, although the unquestioned concentration of troops proves beyond question that Arras and Vimy Ridge are amongst the chief objectives of the enemy's spring offensive.

Yesterday afternoon there was a lively artillery duel between our guns and those of the enemy, but again no counter-attack developed.

Last night and throughout today, until the coming of this despatch, things have been very quiet. Indeed, the shelling in the Vimy area for the last eighteen hours has been lighter than at any time since Thursday. Whether the enemy is hesitating to attack since the deadly reception which he received from the gallant British troops last week, or whether he is reorganizing for a further offensive against Arras and the ridge, the Canadians look to the future with a morale amongst all ranks which was never higher. Wherever I have gone I have found the same confidence amongst the troops of all ranks, and the same determination to be worthy of the great record of the Canadian corps. For days our men, waited to take their part in the world's greatest struggle. They will take it worthily.

There are five other candidates in the field for the two vacancies among the commissioners caused by the expiration of the terms of Commissioners Wigmore and Russell. They are Commissioners Russell, who offers again, T. H. Bullock and J. H. Frink, both former occupants of the office of alderman and mayor, J. H. Thornton and E. J. Hillyard. Mr. Frink filed his papers at the last minute on Saturday and Mr. Hillyard was on hand with his early this morning.

The fact that there are five candidates will make it necessary to hold both primary and final elections, the rule being that both elections shall be held when there are more candidates than double the number of offices to be filled.

Mayor Unopposed. Mayor Hayes has been re-elected by acclamation. When the nominations closed at noon today his were the only papers which had been filed for nomination for the office of mayor and, consequently, he takes office for another term without opposition, a fact which may be taken as a tribute to his administration during the last two years.

The primary election will be held on Tuesday of next week and the final election two weeks later.

ROSENTHAL MURDER IN NEW YORK WAS DUPLICATED TODAY

Harry Cohen Shot and Killed by Gunman in Connection With Anti-Gambling Crusade

New York, April 1.—A man believed to be Harry Cohen, who has been in conference with District-Attorney Swann in connection with the crusade against gambling in this city, was shot down in West 92nd street today and died later in a hospital. He was to have met the district-attorney again today.

According to the police, Cohen, who is said to have been identified with the so-called gambling ring, was accompanied from his apartment in the West 92nd street house by an unidentified man. When he reached the hallway the man fired several shots and fell to the ground. The circumstances recall the murder of Herman Rosenthal in the summer of 1912.

LARGE GROWTH IN IMPORTS AND DUTY AT LOCAL CAPITAL

Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—The customs returns for Fredericton for the year closing with March show total value of imports \$1,201,000, compared with \$742,892 for the year preceding. Duty collected amounted to \$162,804 and in the year before to \$111,468.

In the last ten years the amount of duty collected here has tripled.