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Germans Make No Gain; They Lose Hangard

British Advance Lines Slightly Near Festubert; Enemy Keeps up Attacks But British and French Repulse Them

London, April 13.—The Germans made an attack last night west of Meriville, on the northern battle front, and were repulsed, the war office announces. The British advanced their lines slightly in the neighborhood of Festubert and took a few prisoners.

There was heavy fighting last evening near Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem, and the battle here was still in progress at a late hour last night.

Strong enemy forces launched an attack early last night east of Locon and succeeded in entering the British lines at certain points, but were ejected by a counter-attack. A second attack attempted later in the night at the same place was beaten off.

In the sector south of the Somme, British and French troops by counter-attacks drove out the Germans from Hangard, which they penetrated yesterday.

AIR RAIDERS KILL FOUR IN ENGLAND AND 24 IN PARIS

Attacks on East Coast and in French Capital Made Last Night

London, April 13.—Five persons were killed and fifteen others were injured in one air raid last night on England, according to an official statement made today. The text reads:

"Four airships patrolled in last night's raid. Two of them penetrated a few miles inland. Of the other two one reached the Midlands and the other nearly reached the northwest coast. The raiders were travelling at a great height and showed no inclination to attempt to penetrate during the night.

"Most of the bombs were dropped in open country, and apart from the demolition of four houses at one place the damage so far reported is inconsiderable. Particulars of the casualties will be published later."

Eleven Killed in Paris

Paris, April 13.—Most of the bombs dropped during an air raid last evening fell in one spot, striking a house. It was evident the raiders found their work much more difficult under the new system of aerial defences and dropped their bombs hastily. Crowds in the theatres made their way to the cellars or to other shelters nearby. Eleven persons were killed and fifty injured in the raid.

ATTACKED OLD MAN WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT DRAFTEES

Quebec, April 13.—The provincial police are after two disturbers who yesterday assaulted an elderly man named Frederick Deslisle, at Deschambault, and smashed his house, on the ground that he had reported draftees to the military authorities.

So far two of the alleged disturbers, named Rodrigue, are in the hands of the police, but there are two or three other men who are being hunted down.

FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE IN UNITED STATES

Chicago, April 13.—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States yesterday unanimously urged legislation for universal military service, reiterated endorsement of the government control of prices, favored unequivocally the elimination of all non-essential industries and announced its willingness to back to the utmost all measures to win the war.

FOOD RIOTS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, April 13.—Military forces called out to protect bakers' shops in Haarlem, fired on a crowd which attacked them with stones, killing one woman and wounding several others. The troops, so charged with drawn swords on crowds in various parts of the town and many people were injured. In Rotterdam, where bread carts were pillaged. Reinforcements were sent to the troops there.

THREE SMASHES ON FRONT NEAR ARMENTIERES

Germans Successful in Only Part of Programme

THEIR LOSSES APPALLING

Still They Fling Themselves Against Stoutly Fighting British—Trying Yesterday to win Railway Centre at Aire

With the British Army in France, April 13.—(By the Associated Press.) With the exception of Meriville, the Germans thus far have not reached their objectives in part for the present drive north and south of Armentieres, but today's developments indicate that the enemy had no intention of abandoning the assault immediately. A captured German document reveals that there were to be three smashes on the front north and south of Armentieres. One had Bullen as its main objective, the other Meriville and Aire and the third Bethune.

Not fewer than twenty-eight divisions have been employed by the enemy in this pretentious programme which has meant that at some places the British have been very heavily outnumbered. A German division aggregates 18,000 to 14,000 men, including 7,000 rifles.

Rheims in Flames

Paris, April 13.—The City of Rheims is in flames. The French are attempting to limit the burning area, working under a heavy bombardment.

Stir At Kiel; Is The Fleet To Come Out?

Genoa, April 12.—Greatest activity reigns at German naval bases, and especially at Kiel. Coal and ammunition are being shipped to the fleet in large quantities, according to information received here this morning from a reliable neutral source.

SHIPBUILDING UNDER DISCUSSION IN SENATE

Ottawa, April 13.—In the senate yesterday there was a debate on the stimulation of Canadian shipping. Senator McCann called attention to the necessity for the encouragement of a permanent shipbuilding industry in Canada, and suggested that the government make investigation of the effect of government aid on shipping in other countries before settling any policy. He called attention to the desirability of establishing a ship repair dock at Sydney. He believed the effect would be to reduce the insurance rates of the St. Lawrence which would have a beneficial effect on the cost of coal from Nova Scotia to Montreal. He said there was no possibility of a national marine, unless shipbuilding settled the genius and business desires of the people.

THIRTY BOYS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Destroys Ward in State Hospital for Idiotic Children—Little Ones in Panic

Norfolk, Okla., April 13.—Thirty boys were burned to death when fire early this morning destroyed a ward in the state hospital for the insane.

Dr. D. W. Griffin, superintendent, said the death list might be greater than thirty.

Panic prevailed among the children and it was with the greatest difficulty that any were carried to safety.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

The Atlantic coast disturbance is now near New England with greatly reduced energy. The weather is moderately warm in the western provinces and is becoming warmer in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds, fine and warmer today and on Sunday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate east and northeast winds, fair and cool today and on Sunday.

Shower.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, unsettled with occasional showers today and Sunday.

New England—Cloudy and continued cool tonight; Sunday, fair, not much change in temperature; moderate northeast to south winds.



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Seven Killed; Two dead of Wounds; Chatham Man of Engineers gives Life

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