

WORST DEFEAT OF THE WAR

A German officer, captured by the British on Tuesday, frankly stated that the Germans regard the loss of Vimy Ridge as the biggest defeat they have suffered since the war began.

The latter statement is thought to be true, for other captured Germans have testified to demoralization in their ranks after the British intensive artillery fire.

The German infantry are getting better artillery support since the battle of Arras, as a result of the bitterly fought reports made regarding the lack of this support previously.

The newly called up troops thrown into the Western line admit that the artillery fire bewildered them.

Prisoners taken in the past three days tell of the spread of discontent in the German army because of reduced rations since April 15.

TO ENCOURAGE RAISING OF CATTLE

The following Bill has been introduced by Mr. Parsons, M.P., for Hants in the Assembly asking for enactment:

1.—The expression "calf" in this Act means and includes heifer, steer or bull under the age of one year.

2.—(1) Except as hereinafter, no person shall, between the first day of June, 1917, and the first day of January, 1920, kill or slaughter any calf for any purpose.

(2) The next preceding subsection shall not apply.

(a) To the killing or slaughter of any calf made necessary by reason of disease, or

(b) To the case of the owner of a calf killing or slaughtering such calf for his own use and not for purposes of sale.

3.—No person shall at any time knowingly sell, expose for sale or have in his possession the hide or meat or any part of the carcass of any calf killed or slaughtered contrary to the provisions of the next preceding section.

4.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

THE JOY OF GOING OVER HUN TRENCHES

LONDON, April 20.—One of the Arras survivors who was only a month ago commissioned a lieutenant-commander in the naval reserve, had begged for an opportunity to see the "big push," and secured a place with the troops who were first over the parapet at Arras.

"We went over at five o'clock," said he, "and I was not hit until nine. It was the finest four hours of my life. I got over four lines of German trenches. It was like a magnificent fourth of July celebration. The exhilaration of fighting in an army so well prepared that you know nothing can stop it is nothing else in the world."

TO ADMIT WOMEN TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

The bill to admit women to the study and practice of law in Nova Scotia passed its third reading in the house of assembly yesterday without a dissenting voice.

For Sale—1 new Seed Drill

Will sell at a bargain. Apply to James Rooney, Kentville. sw 17

GERMAN RAIDER OFF MONTEVIDEO?

Buenos Ayres, April 20.—A German raider has been sighted off Montevideo, according to reports in maritime circles.

PASS IT ON

If you've got a smile to spare, Pass it on. It will lighten some one's care; Pass it on. It will make the sky's more blue, But in just a week or two, It will come right back to you; Pass it on.

CANADIAN WOMEN COMING HOME IN LARGE PARTIES SOON

Information has been received to the effect that Canadian women and children in England will be sent home in large parties in the near future.

It is also reported from England that orders have been issued that all men who were attached to units in the British Isles but who have been out on leave, must report immediately to camp.

The Canadian women and children will return in large parties, according to the report, under convoy, so that their transport will be absolutely safe.

UNITED STATES IS READY TO HELP RUSSIA

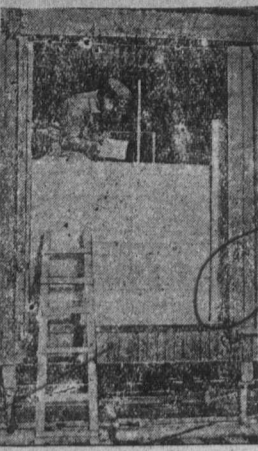
WASHINGTON, April 20.—Plans for America's war commission to be sent to Russia give a prominent place to political representation, as well as to finance and commerce.

TRIED TO CROSS BORDER

Amsterdam, April 20, via London.—More than five hundred German fugitives and landsturmiers, on Monday evening, tried to cross the Dutch-Belgian frontier from the environs of Knoeke to near Gadsand, Holland, says the Handelsblad.

FILL THE CARS

A LITTLE more co-operation between the merchants and the railways will do much to relieve the present freight situation. The railways are not trying to shift the responsibility on to the public, but are asking the public's help.

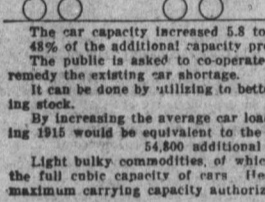


MEASURING DEPTH OF GRAIN IN CAR.

80,000 lbs. are found capable of carrying over 80,000. It has been figured that if the average load could be increased on Canadian railways in 1917 by five times over that of 1915, this would be equivalent to 54,800 additional cars.

The following figures are taken from the Railway Statistics of the Dominion of Canada, issued by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Railways and Canals, and cover all the railways of Canada:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total tons freight carried 1 mile, Aggregate capacity of freight cars (in tons). Rows for 1907, 1915, and 1917 average car.



The car capacity increased 5.8 tons. The contents increased 3.0 tons. 48% of the additional capacity provided was not used.

The public is asked to co-operate with the railways in an endeavor to remedy the existing car shortage.

It can be done by utilizing in better advantage the present available rolling stock.

By increasing the average car load to 23 1/2 tons or 5 tons more than during 1915 would be equivalent to the placing of 54,800 additional cars in service.

Light bulky commodities, of which there are many, should be loaded to the full cubic capacity of cars. Heavier freight should be loaded to the maximum carrying capacity authorized.

DIDN'T ADVERTISE

An advertising manager at a Sphinx club dinner in New York told an advertising story.

"A man," he said, "entered a shop one bitter cold day and bought a woollen muffler. When he opened the muffler he found inside the photograph of a beautiful girl, together with a note, saying 'If you are single, please write to me.'"

"A name and address followed, and the man smiled. He was single, and he put the photograph on his sitting room mantel. There every evening, looking up from his book, he beheld it. It was very beautiful, and in a week he had fallen head over heels in love.

"So he wrote the girl. Another week of anxious nerve-racking suspense. Then the love-sick man received this crushing letter: 'Sir: The Mary Smith to whom you wrote was my grandmother. She died nine years ago, aged eighty-six. Yours truly.'"

"Our heartbroken bachelor, on looking into this strange matter, found that he had foolishly bought the muffler from a dealer that didn't advertise."—Publicite.

LIST OF CANADIAN CASUALTIES GROW

The Total Since Easter Monday is 395 Officers and 2,197 Men.

OTTAWA, April 19.—Lists reporting a total of 324 casualties among members of the Canadian expeditionary force were issued today from the Records Office of the Militia Department.

The morning list had 223 names and the night 101. There were 16 reported killed in the day list and one in the night, 203 wounded in the day list and 73 in the night (most of them only slightly). The day list reported four missing. The night list reports five dead of wounds, eleven ill and wounded, four presumed to have died, and five who have died of illness. This brings the total number of casualties issued since Easter Monday up to 395 officers and 2,197 men.

GERMANS TO ATTACK THE RUSSIANS

Reported that the enemy is preparing to march on Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, April 19, via London.—German preparations to attack the northern front, supported by a German fleet, reports of which appear to be well founded, bear out the War Office warnings, recently issued that the enemy is preparing to march on Petrograd.

The preparations consist of the massing of troops on the Dvinsk-Riga front and the concentration of transports, warships and shallow draft ships in Baltic seaports. A portion of the German fleet is reported to have moved from Kiel to Libau.

It is regarded here as extremely probable that the plan is to cut off Petrograd from the active army. The German efforts to spread discontent in the Russian army have developed an ingenious device of loading shells with copies of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's Reichstag speech of March 29, and firing them into the Russian lines.

Seized German Ships Soon Ready For Sea.

Washington, April 20.—Vigorous steps are being taken by the Government to make the seized German ships ready for sea and also to prepare to take over ships being built for neutrals in American yards.

Nine of the seized German ships will be made ready for sea within the next thirty days, and others are to be hurried into condition. Despite the destruction wrought by the German crews, American engineers have met the situation in a fashion probably little expected by the Germans.

Various members of the shipping board conferred with other officials today to hurry the plans along.

Capt. C. O. Allen a Prisoner in a Submarine.

Steamer Stadacona Sunk by Torpedo—Crew Land in England.

Halifax, April 20.—A telegram received yesterday from the head offices of the Canada Steamship company, Montreal, announces that the steamer Stadacona had been sunk by a German submarine, that part of the crew had landed in England and that Captain C. O. Allen had been made prisoner on board the German submarine.

The telegram was received by Mrs. Allen who with her children is now residing at 66 Tower Road.

Capt. C. O. Allen is well known in Halifax and thru the valley. He is a native of Kings County, where many of his relatives reside. Going to sea at an early age he won rapid promotion. In the days of Nova Scotia's greatness on the seas he was master of several splendid ships.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war, Captain Allen was offered and accepted the command of the steamer Winona and later was transferred to the steamer Rosedale. He was almost continuously in the war zone until November last when he paid a short visit home, selling his farm at Kentville and removing his family to Halifax.

A short time ago Mrs. Allen received a cable from her husband that he was about to sail from Dunkirk for Marseilles—her next word was the telegram received yesterday.

Early in the war Captain Allen was at Havre. It was during a period when there was much fear of German spies. The captain was unable to speak French and while in the city on business for his ship was arrested as a suspect. It was several hours before he was released the officials when they discovered their mistake apologizing profusely.

Those who know Captain Allen well have every confidence that he will safely emerge from his present experiences. He has had a life of wonderful adventures and a journey in a Hun submarine will add one more chapter to an interesting career.

British Rout Turkish Forces

London, April 20th.—General Maude commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia, has forced a passage of the Spa t El-Adheim, attacked the Turkish main positions and completely routed the Turkish forces, says an official statement issued today by the British War Department. So far 1,244 Turks have been taken prisoner.

The text of the statement reads: "General Maude, telegraphing on the 18th, reports: On the night of the 17th we forced a passage of the Shatt-El-Adheim, a stream which was held by a detachment of the Eighteenth Turkish Army Corps. Next morning we attacked the main positions held by this corps covering the Istabulat station and about twelve miles south east of Samars, on the right bank of the Tigris. The operations were carried out with great vigor and dash, and resulted in complete rout of the enemy.

"In a later despatch dated the 19th General Maude reported: Though no full statement of our captures has yet been made twenty seven officers and 1,217 Turkish rank and file have been collected, and more are coming in. Six machine guns and a considerable amount of other booty have been taken, and only the exhaustion of our horses prevented our capturing the enemy's guns. Our total casualties numbered 73.

"General Maude reports that the dash and determination of our troops, especially the cavalry, in spite of the great heat, were brilliant."

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Kentville Time Table 1917. (Service daily except Saturdays and Sundays.)

Midland Trains of the Windsor daily (except Saturdays and Sundays) at 5.15 p. m. and at 6.40 a. m.

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