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SAYS GERMANS ADMIT FAILURE OF COSTLY ATTEMPT TO TAKE YPRES

Their Retirement Hastened By Incessant Attacks of Fresh Allies Troops

New Troops Used Lavishly by Enemy But Many are Raw and Show Signs of Demoralization--Belgians Active --Reports on Asphyxiating Gas

London, April 29—The correspondent of the London Daily Express on the Belgian frontier telegraphs:—

The Germans admit the failure of their costly attempt to take Ypres by storm, and crumple up the British left wing. There are several significant signs of this. Their retirement from positions northeast of Ypres is being steadily accelerated by incessant attacks by fresh British and French troops. Moreover the German counter attacks have been much feebler in the last two days, and their artillery fire has slackened.

The British are giving them no rest. The divisions of exhausted infantry from Passchendele have been sleeping by the roadside of Bruges, while waiting their turn in the congested traffic which fills all the roads of western Flanders.

No doubt the Germans are still trying to hold their ground with grim determination, but the enthusiasm evoked by their first successes near Ypres has vanished. There has been great delay in the railway service in northern Flanders since Tuesday morning, and many trains of wounded from the front have been held up.

The Germans are using new troops lavishly in this battle. Many who are under fire for the first time, are said to have been badly demoralized by the unprecedented shell fire.

Belgians Bombarded

London, April 29—There has been given out in Belgian military headquarters an official report on the progress of hostilities, which reads as follows:—

"Several points on our front, such as Ramscapelle, Pervyse, Lampernisse and Oavelperen, have been repeatedly bombarded. The Belgian artillery has vigorously co-operated with the French in their attack against Steenstraate. Our aviators had shown great activity."

Effects of Gases.

Havre, April 29—The official Belgian committee appointed to investigate reported violations of the laws of nations, has addressed to Minister of Justice Wiart a report on the use by the Germans, of asphyxiating gases. It is stated that gaseous clouds extending 800 feet into the air, were carried away from the German lines by the winds. The clouds were green in color at the base, gradually shading to light yellow toward the top. Several kinds of gases appear to have been used, including chlorine, the nitrous vapors of sulphurous anhydride and others the nature of which has not yet been determined.

Four methods were employed, the report states, in generating these gases. The first was to light fires in the first line of trenches and permit the wind to blow the gas formed towards the lines of the Germans' antagonists. The three other methods involved enclosing the gas in some kind of missile. These included cans thrown either by hand or mine howitzers, cylinders of compressed gas or shells containing compounds, which was transformed into gas, when they exploded.

The effects of the fumes were felt a distance of half a mile. They produced a kind of stupor which lasted for three or four hours.

A German prisoner belonging to the sixteenth army corps, who was taken on April 15, stated that gas cylinders were placed along the entire front held by this corps. There was one every six feet, and men specially instructed in their use, were told off to see that they produced the desired effect. These men were provided with smoke helmets, while all the soldiers had respirators served out to them.

PRAISE FOR CANADIANS FROM THE ANTIPODES

Wellington, N.Z., April 29—The press speaks in the highest terms of the Canadians' courage in the fighting near Ypres, and emphasizes the value of the stand they made in promoting a similar spirit among other overseas forces of Great Britain.

British Face 60,000 Turks

Their Task at Dardenelles—To Clear European Shore

London, April 29—The following Athens despatch has been received by the Exchange Telegraph Company:

"The British force landed on the European coast of the Dardanelles has been entrusted solely with the mission of occupying the Gallipoli Peninsula, which is defended by 60,000 Turkish troops.

The French force has been landed entirely on the Asiatic coast with the object of advancing along the Littoral to keep pace with the progress made by the British on the opposite coast.

"The bombardment of the Straits was resumed Tuesday, and lasted twelve hours. It was directed particularly at the Kilid Bahr forts."

Capture Entire Turkish Battalion

London, April 29—The capture of an entire battalion of Turkish troops on the peninsula of Gallipoli, near the Gulf of Suvla, after a violent battle that lasted all day, is reported in a despatch received today from Athens. Both British and French troops participated in this engagement, which was fought on Wednesday.

Second Attempt to Force Dardanelles.

All despatches indicate that the second great attempt to force the Dardanelles is now in full swing, with an Anglo-French force attacking by land and sea. At the same time extensive operations are reported from the coast of Asia Minor, where three warships penetrated the Gulf of Smyrna on Tuesday and bombarded the Turkish forts defending the city. Official advices to the admiralty from Vice Admiral John Michael Robeck show that the allies have at least gained a solid foothold upon the peninsula of Gallipoli.

The allies had to take and consolidate their positions under a heavy fire from the Turkish guns, but no credence whatsoever is placed in reports from Constantinople and Berlin to the effect that 8,000 men of the allied army were driven into the sea and 12,000 others were made prisoners.

St. John Men Appear In Official Casualty List

Major Mersereau "Seriously Wounded" and Captain Duval "Wounded"--Three Others From Maritime Provinces

Ottawa, April 29—A casualty list given out early this morning contains 62 names, 60 wounded and two deaths. The majority are from Ontario and the west.

The maritime provinces casualties on the list follows:

NINTH BATTALION

Seriously Wounded—Major Chalmers Jack Mersereau, formerly 4th Infantry Brigade headquarters), Hampton, N. B.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION

Wounded—Private Leyland Gallagher, Springfield, N. S.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION

Wounded—Private James Warren Fraser, Box 589, New Glasgow, Pictou County, N. S.

NO. 1 CANADIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

Wounded—Captain J. Lewis Duval, 116 Ludlow street, West St. John, N. B.

GUNNER FERGUSON WOUNDED

Moncton, N. B., April 29—(Special(—John H. Ferguson, Sunny Brae, received a telegram this morning from Ottawa, stating that his son, Gunner Frank Garfield Ferguson of the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, was seriously ill in hospital at Rouen with a gunshot wound in his face. Ferguson is nineteen years of age and enlisted at Moncton with Major Anderson.

PTE. SMITH OF FREDERICTON

Fredericton, April 29—News was received here this morning that Private Archie Smith, serving in France with the Fourteenth Battalion had been wounded.

The Staff Officers.

Ottawa, Ont., April 29—Although no details have been received as to how the casualties occurred, four Canadian officers attached to brigade headquarters staffs have been reported wounded. They are Majors Kemmis Betty, C. J. Mersereau, and Capt. M. K. Green of the second brigade, and Lieut. H. F. Macdonald of the Third Brigade. Whether as reported by cable, they were blown up is not known here. There are four headquarters staffs, the general divisional headquarters and headquarters for each of the three brigades. The losses are from brigade headquarters of the second and third brigades.

Lists Grow Longer.

Ottawa, Ont., April 29—Canada's honor roll of dead, wounded and missing from the terrific battle at Ypres continues to be swelled hourly by casualty lists, which slowly but constantly reach the militia department. A cable comes every night giving the list of officers, while the fallen among the non-commissioner officers and men are being recorded at all hours.

There is no let up to the depressing news conveyed in the daily roll of dead and wounded from the front. To that already heavy list there is now being added the numbers of missing. It leads to the conclusion that there is something in the report of Canadian troops or certain of them at least having been taken prisoners.

The casualties from Ypres up to date exceed three hundred. Fortunately nine-tenths of the men are wounded, with a chance of recovery.

May Be Thousands

At militia headquarters all too much fear is entertained that when the rolls

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Will Italy Come In?

Unofficial Report of Agreement With The Allies—The Terms—Austria Rushing Troops to Frontier—German Submarines For Austrian Naval Base

Rome, Italy, April 29—(Via Paris)—From persons in close touch with the war situation, as it affects Italy, there was obtained today, information which indicates that the government has arrived at an understanding with Great Britain and France, concerning the terms upon which Italy will enter the war, if she eventually decides to do so. This information, while unofficial, is gathered from men who have made a close and careful study of the situation. The agreement is thus described as follows:—

First—A provision for concerted military action. Italy will refrain from hostilities during the present stage of desultory trench warfare, which would enable Germany and Austria to concentrate a large part of their forces against her. She will time her blow contemporaneously with a general effort by all the opponents of the central empires now in the field.

Second—An understanding concerning the territory to be awarded to Italy in the event of victory.

Third—A provision that after the war an alliance shall be formed between Italy and the present triple entente of Great Britain, France and Russia.

It is intimated that at the outset Great Britain was not disposed to make terms with Italy, but that Italy firmly declined to consider joining the allies without first having reached a definite agreement with them concerning the nature and time of her co-operation, boundary readjustments after the war, and permanent assistance from the allies. Italy is said to have received powerful assistance from French diplomacy in reaching the desired understanding on these points.

Verona, April 28—(via Paris 29)—Railway service on the Austrian side of the frontier virtually has been suspended for ordinary purposes. All lines are being used to carry troops to the Italian frontier.

Ancona, Italy, April 28—(via Paris April 29)—Information has been received from Pola, the Austrian naval base, to the effect that several German submarines have been shipped there in sections by railroad.

Still Negotiating.

Rome, April 28, via Paris April 29—Italy is continuing negotiations with the powers arrayed on both sides in the war. The diplomatic interchanges with the allies are designed definitely to clear the atmosphere with regard to what Italy would obtain if she enters the war on the side of the triple entente. The conversations with the central empires seem to aim chiefly at convincing Vienna and Berlin that this country is determined to remain steadfast in her demands.

FOR THE ENCOENIA

Rev. Ralph Sherman and Sir Frederick Williams Taylor Are Among the Orators--Fredericton Men Ill

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., April 29 — The University encoenial exercises will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, May 13. The official programme, out today, announces that the alumni orator will be Rev. Ralph Sherman, Rhodes Scholar and curate of Trinity church, St. John. Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, president of the Bank of Montreal, will deliver the address to the graduating class. Prof. Kierstead will speak in praise of the founders, and Ewart C. Atkinson will be the valedictoran. The graduating class numbers twenty-seven, including two young ladies. Another young lady, Margaret Louise Neales, of Sussex, died during the year. Several members of the class now on active service will receive their degrees in absentia.

W. G. Clark, of J. Clark & Son, Ltd., was operated upon for appendicitis at Victoria Hospital last evening. His condition today is satisfactory.

James Burns, son of W. M. Burns, principal of the model school, was operated upon at the hospital this morning for appendicitis.

Alexander Brebner, office manager for Fraser, Ltd., who has been ill for three months, is in a critical condition.

There was another heavy downpour of rain here last night, which has caused a further rise of water in the river. The outlook for stream driving has improved during the last few days.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—Depressions are centred near Lake Superior and in the middle Pacific states, while a moderate cool wave covers the northwestern states and Manitoba; rain is falling heavily over Lake Superior, elsewhere in Ontario local thunder storms have been experienced.

Occasional Showers

Maritime—Winds shifting to south and southwest and increasing; occasional showers today and on Friday.

New England forecasts—Showers and somewhat warmer tonight. Friday, probably fair; moderate southeast winds, becoming southwest

NEWS OF MONCTON

Summer Steam Service — Goods For Belgians and Hospitals—Gunner Hicks Recovered

Moncton, April 29—It was expected that the steamer Empress would begin the service between Point du Chene and Summerside on Monday of this week, but owing to ice still remaining in Summerside harbor, the opening of navigation has been somewhat delayed. It is expected that the service will be opened by the end of this week.

Many friends among the Baptist people of the province will be interested in learning that Rev. G. E. Whitehouse, a former pastor of the First Moncton Baptist church, and who, for the past few years has been pastor of a church at Berlin, New York, has accepted a call to a Baptist church in Philadelphia and will begin his new work about the middle of May.

The Women's General Patriotic League of Moncton and the suburbs shipped a case of clothing a few days ago to the Belgians; also two more cases, one to the New Brunswick ward of the Stationary Hospital in France, and the other to soldiers' families.

Gunner Ainsley Hicks, of Jolicure, who was wounded by a fragment of a shell while fighting recently in France, was the first man recruited in Moncton who received wounds in action. He enlisted here with Major Anderson's battery. After spending a short time in the hospital, Gunner Hicks was able to return to the firing line.

Miss Florence Cochrane, whose death occurred at Petitcodiac, was a sister of Rev. E. H. Cochrane, pastor of Highfield Street Baptist Church, Moncton. Another brother is Conductor J. H. Cochrane of this city. The deceased young lady was twenty-eight years of age. She was a graduate of Mount Allison, and before her illness had been teaching school in the west. The funeral, held at Petitcodiac on Tuesday afternoon, was largely attended.

WALKED HALF WAY ACROSS CONTINENT TO VOLUNTEER

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., April 29—James and John Sutherland, cousins, arrived here from Portland, Oregon, yesterday, having walked almost the entire distance and, immediately upon crossing the border enlisted with the 37th Battalion, for overseas service.

This was their intention when they left Portland. James Sutherland had spent most of his 15 years in Canada, near Woodstock, Ont., and John Sutherland had been a resident of the western provinces as a boy. They came originally from Edinburgh.

VISITING OLD HOME

His Grace Archbishop Casey is in the city, registered at the Royal Hotel. He came here yesterday from Toronto where he had gone from Vancouver, B. C., his present archdiocese, and will probably visit his old home in St. Stephen before returning west.

BIGGEST BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, South Africa, April 29—Two German officers and five privates were killed, two officers and twelve men were wounded and one wounded officer and twelve men were captured by the British in the battle at Trek Kopjes on Monday. It was officially announced today. The British forces lost three officers and six privates killed and had two officers an dthirty men wounded.

An aeroplane and armored trains took part in the battle, which was the biggest that has yet taken place between the Germans and British in South Africa.

STILL HOVERING ON THE BRINK

Ottawa, Ont., April 29—(Special)—While the cabinet council has discussed at length the question of holding a general election this summer there is every reason to believe that no definite decision either one way or another has yet been reached. The question appears to be still very much in the air and the members of the government are divided.

THAT HEDGE OF ROSES

The Times last evening contained correspondence from Los Angeles telling of a wonderful rose hedge, around a thirty acre orange grove, and bearing over seven million blossoms. The story caught the eye of F. H. Barr of this city, and he told the Times today that he and George E. Day of this city saw that famous rose hedge a year ago, when there with the Mystic Shriners. Mr. Barr added that in one respect the roses were not like ours. They gave off no odor. The same was true of other flowers in that region. They grew in the greatest profusion, practically all the year round, but they lacked the odor which is so great a charm in the flora of New Brunswick. The owner of the famous rose hedge, George W. Griffith, showed Mr. Barr and Mr. Day over his property, and made their stay very pleasant.

FAIRVILLE "GYM" CLASS CLOSING

Banquet and Entertainment Marks End of Season — Presentations to League Winners

Last evening the young people who have been attending the Fairville Baptist gymnasium held a wind-up celebration which was highly successful from every standpoint.

At seven o'clock a banquet, attended by all who had belonged to the gymnastic classes with Messrs. Bonk and Thorne of the Y. M. C. A., as invited guests, was spread in the primary room. About sixty enjoyed a lively time and the commissariat department, in charge of a committee of young people, was all that could be desired.

A public meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. P. R. Hayward, at eight o'clock in the vestry and the following programme was carried out:—

March and song—"Greetings to the King"—Boys and girls from gymnasium. Dumb bell drill—Fifteen boys and young men.

Wand drill—Girls and young ladies.

Pyramid work, part 1—Boys of Gym.

Solo—Winnfield Allingham.

Japanese lantern fancy march—Young ladies.

Exhibition of tumbling — Messrs. Thorne and Latham of Y. M. C. A.

Solo—Mr. Bonk, Y. M. C. A.

Fancy club swinging—Roy Knox.

Pyramid work, part 2—Boys of Gym.

Address—"Four Fold Developments", Mr. Bonk.

Miss Katherine Fox acted as accompanist very creditably.

The presentation of blue ribbons suitably stamped in gold to each member of the winning basket ball teams was then made. The teams were called to the plaftrom and given a rousing send-off.

The following were the fortunate teams:—

Young Ladies' League—"The Tans" only lost one game during season—Helen Sime (Capt), Mildred Black, Sadie Stevens, Gladys Ross, Eva Karrigan, Verna Howard, Priscilla Harris.

Young Men's League—Winners Team No. 3—Victors in every game they played. Presentation of special shield by Mr. Thorne of Y. M. C. A. in addition to ribbons:—Percy Karrigan (Capt.), George Kierstead, George Boyd, Fred Cheeseman, Guy Fox.

Knights of King Arthur League—"The Eagles" winners of 6 out of nine games—John A. Linton (Capt.), Perley Watters, James Ferris, Earle Lawson, Pearlie Sherwood.

At the conclusion of this interesting ceremony Rev. Mr. Hayward called upon Frank Thorne and presented to him, on behalf of the young men, a Masonic pearl stick pin as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services. Mr. Thorne responded briefly.

A vote of thanks was tendered the outside talent by Walter Ross. Seconded by Harry Kierstead and a short address by Rev. P. R. Hayward brought the evening to a close.

This is the first effort along the line of gymnastic development seriously attempted in Fairville and, judging by the delighted remarks of the audience at the work of the local boys, renewed interest may be expected next year when further equipment will be added to the gymnasium.

CLOSING DAY OF THE AUXILIARY

Extra Cent a Day Fund Voted For New Church, Missions and Kindergartens—Home For Clergymen

Some important matters came up at this morning's session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church including the presentaton of reports and balloting on the disposition of special funds collected. The balloting on the election of officers was begun and the returns will be announced this afternoon at the closing session.

The session opened with prayer and Mrs. J. Richardson conducted Bible service, reading from Chapter 17, St. Paul. The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed and then the presentation of the formal reports was resumed.

The report of the extra-cent-a-day fund was presented by the secretary, Mrs. John Robertson, and it was shown that by members putting away one cent a day an aggregate of more than $400 had been raised. Following this most satisfactory statement balloting was begun on the disposition of the money. Rev. Mr. Franchette of Hartland addressed the gathering and presented very strongly the need of a church at Hartland. He told of the difficulties under which they were laboring there and appealed to the meeting that a portion of this fund at least should be devoted to improving conditions there.

The balloting resulted in granting the amount to assist in building a new church at Hartland, Carleton County, the furnishing of a mission house at Lesser Slave Lake and for kindergarten work in Japan, to be distributed in three equal shares.

Mrs. A. Woodman's report on Chinese work in the diocese was read by Miss Edith Nase, and it related the good work that was being done among the Chinese in this province, including religious and secular instruction.

Following this report a resolution was adopted lamenting the serious illness of Mrs. Woodman, secretary of Chinese work.

Miss Elizabeth Schofield's report of the Pickett Memorial Fund—a fund for the building of a home for poor clergymen — was presented by Miss Louise Simonds. It was most encouraging and showed that $2,984.50 had already been collected of the $10,000, which it is proposed to raise for the purpose.

The voting on the life membership appeals was begun and announcements are to be made at the afternoon session. The balloting for the Diocesan officers was started, and the results are also to be made known this afternoon.

Reports from the branches were heard until nearly the conclusion of the session.

A resolution of sympathy was passed in the serious illness of Miss Clements of Kingsclear, a prominent member of the auxiliary, who was unable to attend on account of her condition.

The session this afternoon concludes the annual meeting. It started at 2.15 and will be taken up with the presentation of the remainder of the branch reports, an address by Miss Trent on her missionary work in Japan, the announcement of elections, concluding with tea at five o'clock.

GERMANS DROPPED INCENDIARY SHELLS ON FRENCH HOSPITALS

French Official Report Tells of Continued Progress in Belgium —150 Prisoners — Zeppelin Wrecked

Paris, April 29—The French War Office gave out a report on the progress of hostilities reading as follows:

"In Belgium we have continued to progress, in conjunction with Belgian troops, in a northerly direction. On the right bank of the Yser Canal, we took 150 prisoners, as well as two machine guns.

"There is nothing new on the heights of the Meuse, nor in the Vosges.

"The enemy has bombarded, by means of flying machines, and using incendiary shells, the open town of Epernay, occupied exclusively at the time by hospital detachments.

"Definite information which has come to hand, sets forth that the Zeppelin airship which eight days ago, threw bombs on Dunkirk, was seriously damaged by our artillery, finding it impossible to navigate further, the machine was wrecked in the trees between Bruges and Ghent."

AMONG THE SOLDIERS

Rain Prevents Tactical Exercises —Still Calling For Men—Additions to 55th and C. R. C. C.

This was a quiet day in military circles, owing to the disagreeable weather. Another elaborate tactical scheme planned for the 26th battalion had to be postponed because of the rain. Yesterday's manoeuvres were among the most successful yet conducted by this unit. Because of the rain a night march planned for this evening will also be abandoned.

The 55th

Only one recruit signed the roll of the 55th battalion this morning, John Leslie, formerly of Birmingham, Eng., for the last five years residing at Smithtown, Kings county. From the outside centres, however, bright reports were received.

More Men!

A few more candidates are required for the ranks of the 6th Mounted Rifles at Amherst, N. S., to be placed in the machine gun section. Applicants will be received by Lieut.-Col. Armstrong or Capt. J. R. Miller at the armory.

Construction Corps

Lieut.-Col Ramsey, of the Canadian Railway Construction Corps, and Major Harvey of the same unit, returned to the city at noon today from Montreal. Two more volunteers with the unit reached the city at noon from Toronto.

JAPAN MAKES SOME NEW CONCESSIONS

Tokio, April 29—Japan's new proposals to China, show concessions, according to the Japanese mail. They are said to omit the demand for non-alienation of China's coastal territory. Out of consideration for Great Britain some modification is considered probable, relative to railroad concessions in South China.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for week ending today, $1,316,007; corresponding week last year, $1,407,233.

WILLIAM BURROUGHS FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR OF LODGING HOUSE

Placed in Bed Before Death Was Discovered—A Native of Scotland and South African Veteran

William Burroughs, a lodger in the Gem boarding house, King Square, was found dead on the floor of his room this morning. Shortly after six o'clock Benjamin Bishop, proprietor of the boarding house, was told by some companions of his lodger that they were unable to wake him. He said he accompanied them to the room and saw Burroughs lying on his side on the floor. He told the men to place him in the bed and then went away thinking that he (Burroughs) would be all right and soon come around. About ten minutes later he was again summoned and went to the room and upon touching the hand of the unfortunate man discovered that it was cold. He told the other men that their companion was dead and immediately went to the telephone and sent word to the police station. He received instructions to notify Policeman Hunter, who was patroling that beat. He did so and the policeman in turn sent word to Coroner Roberts. The latter arrived shortly after seven o'clock and, after making an examination, ordered the body conveyed to Brenan's Undertaking Parlors, Main street. He said he would hold an inquest.

Burroughs arrived last night about 10.30 o'clock. He was accompanied by three soldiers and the proprietor says the men appeared to have been drinking. He left them about 12.30 o'clock and at that time they were all in Burorough's room. The latter, he said, has been boarding with him since before Christmas. He thought him about thirty years of age.

Burroughs was a native of Scotland and as far as is known has no relations in this country. He was quite well known in local military circles. He was a South African veteran and was also, for a time, a member of one of the local battalions.

EXPERT IN CHARGE OF THE ROGUES' GALLERY

Experienced Detective Will Take Photos and Finger Prints—Records of New Men

Through a recent acquisition to the police department, in the person of Daniel McLachan, who is a skilled photographer and an ex-chief of police, central station is to have a rogues' gallery installed. It is the intention of Chief Simpson to have a room fitted up for the use of the detective department, and to have the pictures of all criminals taken and placed in it. Mr. McLachan is to be associated with Detective Worrell in ferreting out criminals and, in addition, will be in charge of the gallery. He will also take the finger prints of convicted prisoners and keep them for future reference.

Detective McLachan joined the local department a few days ago. He was formerly chief of police in Collingwood, Ontario. He has had considerable experience in police work in the old country and also in Canada and should prove a valuable addition to the local force.

Detective Worrell was associated with the London Metropolitan police, in the New Scotland Yard for several years and possesses references which pay a tribute to his ability in that line of work. He was also a member of the army and served as a non-commissioned officer in the South African war. He has also had experience in detective work in western Canada.