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GERMANS SAW WHITE BREAD FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Forgot All About Fighting When They Surrounded a Train Loaded With Rations for the British Army.

With the British Army in France, they also found jam and canned meat. Prisoners who were taken were surprised that the British Tommies were still getting such good food. Captured German captain said that food conditions were bad in the big towns in Germany, but that food was still plentiful in the country districts.

Secrecy About Attack. This captain said that the greatest secrecy was maintained by the higher command regarding the Armentieres offensive. Almost the first written orders to the captain's battalion came just as the attack started.

War News. A great thrust of the enemy impends towards Baillou. Baillou and Wulverghem are central points of heavy fighting. British, the forced out of Neuve Eglise, hold the enemy around this town.

Streets of Hangard Scenes Of Carnage, Night and Day

Hardest Fighting of Present Battle Has Been Incessant Since March 21, and Allies Still Hold the Place.

With the French Army in France, April 15.—The hardest fighting of the present battle south of the River Somme has been almost incessant around Hangard-en-Santerre since March 21. British and French have been engaged side by side in defending this highly important and strategic position on the road between Noyon and Amiens.

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SECRET SESSION WILL BE PRECEDED BY UNION CAUCUS

Proposed Amendments to Conscription Act to Be Considered Today.

POSITION IS GRAVE. Definite Announcement of Government's Intentions to Be Made Later.

Ottawa, April 15.—For the first time since confederation, parliament will meet in secret session next Wednesday. The result of today's sitting was to pass a resolution providing for such a session in order that the government may explain "the gravity of the position which confronts the allied nations at the present time."

Toronto

Harold H. Prosser, a member of the original Princess Pats, died in the General Hospital. Public school pupils demonstrate the ornamental beauty to which children may attain, at a contest at Brown School.

Overseas Civil Servants To Get Only Military Pay. Ottawa, April 15.—Altho no official announcement is being made, it is stated that the government has passed an order-in-council reducing the pay of civil servants serving overseas to their military pay.

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MOMENTUM OF GERMAN ATTACKS IS BROKEN AND RECOIL STARTS

Mewburn Makes an Urgent Appeal To Canadians and Britons in U.S.

Urges All of British Blood to Obey Haig's Call to Arms and Join the Colors. New York, April 15.—An appeal to Englishmen and Canadians in the United States to make a personal application of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's special order of the day addressed to all ranks and hasten into the service, was contained in a telegram from Major-General S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia, Ottawa, to the British and Canadian recruiting mission, made public here today.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING MARKS FRENCH FRONT

Paris, April 15.—The statement issued by the war office tonight reports only artillery engagements along the front, it reads. "There were artillery engagements of great violence in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre. Our batteries successfully dispersed bodies of enemy troops in the approaches of Demuin and Laon. Two successful raids, one at Four De Paris, and the other at Col. Du Bonhomme, were carried out and prisoners brought back. The cannonade was intermittent on the rest of the front, but became quite lively in the sector of Avoucourt."

INCREASED ACTIVITY IN GIVENCHY SECTOR

London, April 15.—Baillou and Wulverghem were the central points of the heavy fighting today between British and Germans in Flanders, while the German artillery displayed increased activity in the section between Robecq and Givenchy, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight. The report says: "Fighting occurred this afternoon in the neighborhood of Baillou and Wulverghem and is continuing. On the remainder of the Lys battle front there is nothing particular to report."

HARRIS ABATTOR BURNED MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE

Three Buildings Completely and Fourth Partly Destroyed in Plant Near Union Stock Yards—Carloads of Bacon Are Burned—Cattle and Horses Saved.

FACTS ABOUT THE FIRE

Place of fire—Harris Abattoir, St. Clair avenue, west of Keele street. Plant and buildings \$ 250,000 Stock 750,000 Total 1,000,000 Freight cars burned 17 Buildings destroyed—Three-storey frame packing house; three-storey brick sausage and storage factory. Cause of fire, unknown. Time—9:25 p.m.

While Enemy Has Made Gains of Ground and Driven a Wedge Into the Allied Lines to Considerable Depth He Has Failed to Break Thru or Take Railway Junctions for Which He Fights.

Associated Press Summary of Events From the Battle Fronts. Seven days after the Germans launched their gigantic assault against the British lines between Lens and Ypres, the momentum of their attack has been broken and the waves of the Teutonic forces are recoiling before the rock of the British defence. While the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the allied lines to a considerable depth, they seem to have failed in their attempt to break thru or take important railroad junctions.

NO CABINET CRISIS

Labor Ministers Ask Self-Government for Ireland Before Conscription. London, April 15.—The labor ministers of the cabinet, in an interview with Premier Lloyd George tonight, pressed the premier to grant self-government to Ireland on the basis of the majority report of the Irish commission before conscription is put into operation. It is understood that the conference had satisfactory results, and there will not be a cabinet crisis.

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German troops have entered Heilsingfors, the Finnish capital. It was reported last week that the Russian warships which have been there had made their escape and had reached Kronstadt, the great Russian naval base. Coincident with the report of the acceptance of the resignation of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian premier, comes a report of a serious outbreak of the Czechs at Prague, which for many months has been reported to be seething with anti-germanism. Bohemians, or at least the Czech minority in that country, object to the creation of a German Government there, but the incident may be more significant than has so far appeared. The Slavic races of Bohemia have long been standing out against the Germanization of the country and the outbreak at Prague may be only another indication of the deep-seated opposition to the war aspirations of the central powers. Nothing out of the ordinary has been reported from the Italian, Macedonian, Palestine or Mesopotamian theatres of the war.