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Germans Continue To Bring Up Reserves; Taking Their Only Chance

Prisoners Say Army Being Drained At Rate That Brings Collapse Near

Becoming Question as to Which Side Can Longest Maintain Deadly Pace—Meatime British and French Both "Carry on" Successfully

London, April 26—Telegraphing today from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent says: "The Germans are still hurrying up fresh reserves to press their counter-attacks. They are fighting a great delaying battle, although not now standing upon any well prepared system of defenses, and can hope to check our advance only by using up great masses of troops whose breasts have taken the place of parapets.

"This policy must result in greatly accelerating the process of exhaustion, and if continued long, the situation will resolve itself into the simple problem of which side can longest maintain the deadly pace.

"Prisoners declare that the German army is now being drained at a rate which brings collapse within a measurable distance."

GERMANS FAIL IN ATTACK

London, April 26—Renewed German attacks on British positions near Gavrelle were completely repulsed last night, according to an official announcement issued by the war office today. The statement follows:

"Early last night the enemy again endeavored to attack our new positions in the neighborhood of Gavrelle. His advancing troops were caught by our artillery barrage and completely repulsed.

"Elsewhere there was nothing of special importance."

HEAVY ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, April 26—Terrific fighting continued during the night on the front of the French offensive. The Germans renewed their counter-attacks on the high ground near the Chemin des Dames, but gained no success. An attack in great force east of Cerny was repulsed with heavy losses for the Germans.

The statement follows:

"Intermittent artillery fighting occurred in various sectors. On the bank of the Oise a German reconnoitering party attempted to approach our trenches near Moy. It was repulsed easily.

"North of the Aisne, the enemy renewed in vain his efforts to expel us from the plateau near the Chemin des Dames. After a violent bombardment last evening two powerful attacks were made on the front about two kilometres west of Cerny. These assaults were broken before our lines with very heavy losses for the enemy. Another effort in the region of Hurtebise Farm was equally unsuccessful. In the region of Juvincourt our artillery caught enemy working parties under its fire and dispersed them.

"In the region of Lapompelle, in the Champagne, and also on the front between Nevarin Farm and Tahure several surprise attacks by the enemy were repulsed with no result other than to leave prisoners in our hands."

Berlin, April 26—The German position at Gavrelle, in the Arras battlefield, is now situated at the eastern boundary of the village says today's army headquarters statement.

WATER WORKS MATTERS

The water and sewerage department now has on hand a difficult and unpleasant job in the renewal of an old sewer which runs from Waterloo to Brussels streets under Ungar's laundry and other private property. The structure is an ancient timber affair four feet square, which had become blocked.

Almost every imaginable description of refuse, from ashes to a Christmas tree, was discovered in the drain when it was opened. A new terra cotta pipe will be laid in its place.

Surveys, which are being completed in Lancaster, will provide complete profiles of the ground through which the new 24-inch water main is to be laid for the guidance of the contractors. This is an innovation, as previous specifications merely gave the maximum and minimum depth of the excavation required, and will allow closer figuring by the contractors. Another departure from precedent is being made in calling for tenders for laying the pipe, a task which has in the past been kept in the hands of waterworks officials. It is expected that the call for tenders will be issued about May 1.

The records of the department show that, during the quarter ended March 31, the steamers, C. P. R., and pulp mill used fifty milion gallons of water more than during the corresponding quarter last year. In spite of this, the residents of the heights say that their water supply was better this winter than ever before, a situation evidently due to the improved distribution system installed last year.

The department is now making repairs to their private road along the Loch Lomond pipe line.

NO STATEMENT ON HOME RULE TODAY

London, April 26.—According to political correspondents the statement to be made to parliament regarding the Irish question, which it had been conditionally promised by the government would be delivered today, will not be made. The correspondents say the matter is still under consideration.

London, April 26.—The bill to encourage the cultivation of land was debated in the House of Commons throughout the day. The measure was again subjected to much criticism, although many of its critics have announced their intention to support the bill as an emergency measure in the face of the submarine menace to the food supply. Late last night the second reading was carried 288 to 27.

GIRL TO BE PUT TO DEATH AS A SPY

Paris, April 26.—A court martial has condemned to death as a spy Emilienne Rose Dunietrie, a 19-year-old girl. She was convicted of gathering military information in Geneva, Lyons and Paris on behalf of a German by whom she had been employed as a servant.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Miss Gertrude E. McGinley took place this afternoon from her mother's residence, 74 Mecklenburg street. Services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Kuhring. Interment was made in Fernhill. Many friends attended.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Thomas, who died in Boston, took place this afternoon from St. John's (Stone) church. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fleming. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Rose B. Graham, who died in Truro, took place this afternoon from the residence of her mother in Stanley street. Services were conducted by Rev. B. H. Noble. Interment was made in Fernhill.

LOCAL MILITARY NOTES

A course in musketry is about to commence at Fredericton for members of the 236th. Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor E. Bingham of the Royal Canadian Regiment, has arrived there from Halifax and will act as an instructor.

Captain E. A. Mooney, who has been taking a course of instruction at the Royal School of Infantry at Halifax, has returned to duty with the 236th Kilties.

Lieut. J. K. Scammell, O. C. the machine gun draft, arrived home last evening from Halifax, where he has been during the last few days on military business.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Mr. and Mrs. James Seymour of 450 Main street, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their little son, Ronald Edward, aged one year and ten months.

Quarter Million Berlin Laborers Reported On Strike

Washington, April 26—Reports to the state department through official channels tell of a strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin. While the name of the official who gave the information is withheld the department says the incident shows the growth of the desire for peace on the part of the workmen. It is reported also that bread rations have been reduced from 1,900 to 1,600 grams a week.

FURTHER SIGNS THAT ALL IS NOT WELL IN GERMANY

Something Wrong in the Matter of Production of Explosives

GOVERNMENT QUESTIONED

Censoring Papers Before They Are Allowed Out of Country—Exempts Being Drafted For Field Service—More Strikes at Home Threatend

Copenhagen, via London, April 26.—The protests of a socialist representative in the Reichstag committee yesterday called attention for the first time to the fact that German newspapers must now submit to a preliminary censorship before being permitted to leave the country. For some time the radical socialist newspapers have been markedly behind other publications in the time of their delivery here. The authorities have evidently resorted to this means to block the channel through which disagreeable news and discussions have reached foreign ears.

At the same meeting of the Reichstag committee which was devoted to military questions, it was indicated that all was not satisfactory in the manufacture of explosives. Deputy Gothein demanded information as to the status of the production of explosives and criticized as inadequate a confidential report of the minister of war on the military situation in the west.

Amsterdam, April 26.—A Berlin official announcement received here says that the German war office has ordered a great number of exempts to be drafted for field service. They will be replaced in the war industries by women and those liable for the national auxiliary service.

Copenhagen, April 26.—Foreign secretary Zimmermann, according to a Berlin despatch, will discuss the international situation at the first meeting of the ways and means committee of the Reichstag. The committee is expected to meet within the next few days.

Copenhagen, April 26.—The German Reichstag committee for the revision of the constitution will meet for organization on May 2. The parties interested in the immediate commencement of the reform work had hoped that the committee would organize yesterday, but the conservatives and other parties playing for time delayed the selection of their reports to the committee.

Amsterdam, April 26, via London—The Berliner Tageblatt after saying that work in the Berlin factories was almost completely resumed last Saturday, remarks: "It is all the more unpleasant therefore that the possibility of a renewal of the strike of munition workers on May day is being discussed in some munition workers' circles.

Amsterdam, April 26.—"Today's statement from headquarters comes just early enough to influence the conscience of the munition workers," says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger in a recent issue.

"For the most part they have resumed duty again but they will also have to repair the consequences of their dereliction from duty and, above all things prevent these disagreeable occurrences from taking place again today or tomorrow.

"We are informed that attempts are still being made to instigate renewed action by the munition workers and it is openly threatened that we must be prepared for new outbreaks of ill-will if certain claims are not acceded to. It is, so reported that on May 1, there will be another general strike for twenty-four hours."

MAJOR STEHELIN IS HERE FOR RECRUITS

Major Stehelin, O. C. No. 2 Forestry company, which is being mobilized at Yarmouth, arrived in the city last evening in quest of recruits and especially Acadians. Major Stehelin was a company commander with the 165th and is well known in the city. The following officers have been recommended:—Second in command, Lieut. G. Pierce, Lieut. Harding of this city, Lieut. M. Stehelin, now of a French army unit, and Lieut. Shreve.

Major Stehelin has been recruiting for his unit but three weeks, and although he would not say as what his total strength was, he intimated that he was in a fair way to make a record in the securing of recruits at present. He was of the opinion that his unit will be ready for overseas soon after May 1.

STILL TRYING TO MAKE PEACE WITH RUSSIANS

Petrograd, April 26, via London—A telegram from Riga indicates that the Germans are continuing unremittingly their attempts to parley with the Russian soldiers. At one place the Germans displayed a placard on which was written:—"Russians: Do not attack. We also will not attack."

GAIN OF THREE QUARTERS OF MILLION DOLLARS

St. John bank clearings for the week ending today totalled $2,231,026, as compared with $1,476,659 for the corresponding week last year.

Root Goes to Russia

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, today formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

The War Today and Momentous Matters Which Are Impending

The fourth day of the terrific struggle on the British front in France has opened with both sides still striving vainly for a decision. The Germans have resorted to the terribly costly tactics of massed attacks and if they have succeeded temporarily in checking the British advance, it has been done, according to spectators of the titanic conflict, at a staggering toll of human life.

It would seem as if the revolutionary mutterings which were ominously swelling through Europe prior to the inception of the great battle were drowned in the thunders of the battlefield but indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the fighting lines. The summary adjournment of the German Reichstag, when its sittings had barely opened, is given added significance by hints in the German press that the strike agitation in Germany may burst forth with renewed violence on May day, the great international Socialist holiday. A nation wide labor demonstration in Sweden is also planned for that day and may have its counter part in Spain.

No news of any importance has come from Austria in several days, a fact which has given fresh vigor to the ever recurrent report of intentions or efforts on the part of the dual monarchy to seek a separate peace. No confirmation of the reports is available from any reliable source, but there is more definite tidings of the status of affairs in Turkey, the third member of Germany's imperial triumvirate. Returning travelers tell appalling stories of the devastations wrought by disease and starvation in the Ottoman empire.

They also repeat the oft-told story that the Turkish people are sick at heart over the war and its entailed miseries, but are kept in subjection by the iron hand of Enver Bey and his German colleagues.

Apart from France there are few developments of importance in the war theatres. The British continue to drive forward in Mesopotamia but there is a curious silence in regard to the Russian armies in that region. An attack on a fairly large scale has been made by the allies on the Saloniki front, but there is nothing as yet to indicate whether a general offensive is planned in this region.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEE DEGREE WORK WELL EXEMPLIFIED

The third degree team consisting of James M. Mead of Arlington, Mass, district deputy grand knight; Dr. John J. Ahearn, jr., of Cambridge, Mass., warden; William T. Cauliff of Arlington, captain of the guard, Daniel E. Murphy, John J. McCarthy, M. J. Gallagher and Conrad Gallagher came to the city yesterday upon invitation of Dr. W. P. Broderick, grand knight of St. John Council K. of C., and exemplified in an excellent manner the third degree of the order.

Seventy candidates were in line and the degree work was followed with extreme interest by a large number in attendance, including some members from outside places. Grand Knight Broderick and Past State Deputy W. J. Mahoney assisted in the exemplification. The work was done excellently and Mr. Mead and his associates were warmly congratulated. Dr. Ahearn is a son of J. J. Ahearn, a well known St. John citizen of a quarter of a century ago.

This afternoon the members of the visiting team were entertained at the Ben Lomond. A smoker is to be held in the local rooms in honor of the new sir knights.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

Fredericton, N. B., April 26—All the members of the provincial government are here except Hon. L. A. Dugal and he is expected this evening. A meeting was held this morning and routine business was disposed of. A delegation from the Fredericton Agricultural Society will wait on the executive this afternoon and ask for a grant in aid of an exhibition.

Sheriffs for the counties will likely be appointed at this meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF SENATOR AND MRS. DOMVILLE

Senator and Mrs. James Domville, of Rothesay, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding yesterday. There was nothing special or public to mark the happy occasion of fifty years of married life but many friends called and offered congratulations.

ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Two boys were arrested and were before the court this afternoon charged with theft of various articles from the store of F. W. Daniel & Company, Ltd. The value would reach almost $50. Policeman Hopkins and Detective Duncan arrested the boys. Both were employes in the store. The goods were found in their rooms.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The area of low pressure which was southwest of the Great Lakes is now centred near Sault Ste. Marie. Rain has been general in Ontario and the weather is cool in all the provinces.

Ottawa Valley—Easterly to southerly winds, cool with occasional showers today and on Friday.

Fair and Cool

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fair and cool. Friday, moderate winds, fair and cool.

New England forecast—Showers this afternoon and tonight. Friday probably fair, southwest winds.

SINKING OF SUBMARINE BY AMERICAN BRINGS JOY TO COL. ROOSEVELT

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 26—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was gleeful when told that a gun on the Mongolia, named after him, had sunk a German submarine.

"I am greatly rejoiced," he said, "and I congratulate the captain, the gunners and all the crew of the Mongolia. Thank Heaven some Americans have at last begun to hit. We have been altogether too long purely at the receiving end of this war Germany has waged on us."

Washington, April 26—The destruction of the American schooner Percy Birdsall, of New York, was reported today to the state department. Time and place were not announced. It is said the vessel was destroyed by submarine warfare, and without warning.

CLOSING DAY OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING

The last day of the Women's Auxiliary annual meeting was commenced this morning with service of intercession for children's work in Trinity church at 9.30 o'clock.

At 10.15 o'clock a business session was opened with prayer, in the school room. Mrs. Thomas Walker, the president ,on behalf of the W. A. delegates assembled, congratulated Senator and Mrs. James Domville on attaining the golden anniversary of their wedding. In appreciation of the event and the activity of Mrs. Domville in the W. A. She was made a life member. The president said that this was an exceptional honor.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, organizing secretary, reported on her work of the year. Nine new branches had been established and were progressing favorably.

Mrs. John M. Robertson reported on the Extra Cent-a-day Fund. The distribution of the money in the treasury was voted upon.

Mrs. John M. Hay explained the many uses for which the money could be expended. Many worthy objects were suggested. One suggestion was that $25 be granted for securing furniture for the church at Glen Falls, which comes under St. Mary's church parish.

It was finally decided to divide the money in the fund among four of the objects submitted.

Mrs. H. J. Roberts, recording secretary, read an excellent paper on "The Letter From A Representative." The suggestions in the paper were timely and helpful. Mrs. Roberts urged the keeping of the letters written by the representative for reference, the retaining of the lessons taught therein and that the reports be made promptly. "Each branch," she said, "should be receiving a monthly report."

Miss E. R. Scovil reported on the Pickett Memorial Fund, established in 1909 for relief of the families of clergymen in sickness and troubles. When Miss Pickett died in 1912 the fund was taken over by Miss Scovil, who has in that time increased it from $190 to $5,000, which amount today rests in the treasury of this fund.

A resolution was introduced providing that the time of the meeting of the diocesan branch be the fall instead of the spring. After considerable discussion, it was finally decided to lay the matter on the table for a year.

Many branch reports were read and general satisfactory conditions in W. A. work were reported.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon with prayer. The officers were elected this afternoon.

FLOUR STILL HIGHER

All grades of flour made another advance of fifty cents a barrel today

Germans To Get Worst Hammering Ever Given Army

MORE THAN 700 IN THE CASUALTY LIST AT OTTAWA

Further Reports of St. John Soldiers Wounded

New Brunswickers Among Those Who Have Given All in the World War—Maritime Province Roll of Honor a Long One

There is an accumulation of 725 casualties at Ottawa this morning.

Pte. W. J. Hill Killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hill of Strathadam, Northumberland County, yesterday received the sad intelligence that their son, Private Wm. John Hill, infantry, had made the supreme sacrifice on April 9. He was only twenty years of age. He enlisted in Newcastle and transferred to a Nova Scotia unit. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, David and Thomas Hill of Cassilis, and eight sisters, Mary and Eliza of Lawrence, Mass., Mrs. Gordon Timmins of Cape Breton, and Mrs. Fred Matchett of Sunny Corner, Mrs. Norman Renfrew of Cassils and Misses Henrietta, Irene and Martha at home.

Pte. R A. McMurray.

Private Robert Arthur McMurray, who left Newcastle with a military band and afterward went to France with a battalion, made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield on the 9th instant. He was only twenty-two years of age, and before enlisting was a checker in the I. R. C. freight sheds at Newcastle. He was a popular member of the curling club, the Orange Order and the Sons of Temperance. He leaves his widowed mother, Mrs. Jane McMurray, one brother, James, of Newcastle, and three sisters, Mrs. William Ormsbee of Pennacook, Mass.; Mrs. Robert Galloway of Newcastle, and Miss Ida at home.

Two Relatives Wounded

Mrs. Alice Hazlett, of Nashwaaksis, has been officially advised that her husband, Pte. Chester Albert Hazlett, has been wounded in action, and is now in No. 32 Stationary Hospital at Wimereaux, suffering from seventeen gunshot wounds in the left shoulder. Pte. Hazlett is twenty-six years of age, and has one little boy.

A wire which arrived in Nashwaaksis notified A. E. Chase that his son, Pte. Howard D. Chase, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Hazlett, is dangerously ill in King George's Hospital, London. Pte. Chase was badly wounded with gunshot in the spine. He enlisted at the same time as Pte. Hazlett. Pte. Chase is married, and has three children.

Killed in Action

Pte. Raymond Gartley, who was killed in action on April 9, was the only son of Mrs. Agnes Gartley, of Fredericton. He enlisted at Sussex and went over to England in June. In December, 1916, he was sent over to France with a draft and was in the trenches until he made the supreme sacrifice. He is survived by his widowed mother and two sisters, Misses Elsie and Elva.

Pte. L. S. Fairweather.

Mrs. Annie Davidson received a telegram this morning informing her that her son, Pte. Leonard S. Fairweather had been admitted to No. 8 Stationary Hospital in Wimeraux on April 10, suffering from a gunshot wound in the back. He was with a Canadian infantry unit at the front for the last six months. Prior to donning khaki he conducted a grocery store in Brussels street and had also branched out in the coal and wood business. Mrs. Davidson has a brother with the Canadian forces in France and has thirteen cousins and nephews in khaki.

Pte. J. H. Donnolly.

That Private James H. Donnolly has been admitted to Colchester Hospital on April 20 suffering from a lacerated hand was the word which his wife received this morning at her home, 53 Carmarthen street. The telegram did not give any particulars. Private Donnolly was attached to a well known New Brunswick battalion at the front, having been transferred from a unit which left here last year. Prior to enlisting he was sexton of St. David's church.

Pte. J. A. Ewart

Mrs. Zetta Ewart of 64 Guilford street, West St. John, received an official announcement from Ottawa on April 21, that Pte. James Alexander Ewart, her husband, a member of an infantry unit, had been admitted on April 13 to No. 3 General Hospital, Boulogne, suffering from gunshot wounds, multiple. Pte. Ewart left St. John with an infantry battalion and later went with a draft to France. He is a native of St. John and left his wife and four children to go to the front.

Long Ottawa List

Ottawa, April 26.—Casualties:

INFANTRY

Died of Wounds

H. L. Bradley, Hartland, N.B.; J. B. Bouke, Waasis, Sunbury, N.B.; F. E. Porter, Workville, N.S.; J. J. Howe, St. John.

Ill

H. E. Cheney, Rosther, N.S.; Cpl. B Horne, Westville, N.S.; B. Kelcher, Upper Dyke Village, N.S.

Wounded

Pte. F. Osborne, New Aberdeen, C.B.; J. D. Richards, Dartmouth, N.S.; T. Gill, Halifax, N.S.; A. R. Brown, Carroll's Crossing, Northumberland county, N.B.; S. Duncan McDonald, Stellarton, N.S.; H. L. Gibson, Halifax, N.S.; R. Cooper, Sydney, N.S.; Murdock Murchison, Kinross, P.E.I.; D. H. McDonald, Heatherton, N.S.; G. R. Weir, Deepbrook, N.S.; J. E. Butler, Halifax; Lance Corp. T. Eward, Halifax; J. Ward, Sydnew Mines; J. William Smith, Halifax; P. J. Young, Halifax; L. H. Lohnes, River Port, N.S.; J. C. Doucet, Weymouth, N.S.; Wm. David Finley, Bass River, Co., N.S.; Sgt. E. G. Allen, St. John; Corp. J. A. Palmer, Black River, N.B.; L. Cpl. G. R. McLay, Moore's Mills, N.B.; N. Francis, Pictou Landing, N. S.; C. A. Hazelett, Nashwaaksis, N. B.; S. H. Thompson, River John, N.S.; R. N. G. Trevors, Durham Bridge, York county, N.B.; T. M. Hughson, Burtt's Corner, N.B.; A. E. Armsworth, Belmont, N.S.; D. E. Gibbons, Sussex; Pte. J. Bernasky, Pictou; J. Boswell, Halifax; H. Gillespie, Blackhead Bay, Nfld.

L. H. Clarke, Rothesay, N. B.

R. C. Barteaux, Fairville; A. W. Hartling, Halifax; W. H. Cuveller, Halifax; L. B. Connell, St. John; A. Stewart, Kensington, P.E.I.; W. R. Harvey, Scotch Village, N.S.; I. Barrett, Whitney Pier, Sydney; Lance-Corp. W. G. McClure, Dartmouth; R. B. Burgess, Lakeville, N.S.; G. W. Boudreau, Yarmouth; W. L. Freeman, Harmony, N.S.; Sergt. B. W. Fulton, Bass River, N.S.; A. R. Baxter, Digby; C. Wasson, Windsor, N.S.; S. F. Seely, Southfield, N. B.; J. E. Gayne, Harvey, N.B.; L. G. Gamblin, Collina, N.B.; M. R. Frye, St. Stephen; A. Perry, Rexton; Acting Sergt. B. McLeod, Bay Du Vin; R. E. Hatfield, St. John; R. E. Maxwell, Lower Rockport, N.B.; J. Campbell, Richmond county, N.S.; O. W. Johnson, Valley Road, N.S.; F. Gallant, Tignish, P.E.I.; W. L. Shaw, River Glade, N.S.; H. J. Gray, Marrtown, N.B.; H. J. Gillis, Cape Breton; M. Chisholm, North Sydney; O. Farris, Wolfville, N.S.; J. H. Young, Aberdeen, N.S.; V. Wheaton, Amherst; A. R. Coates, Havelock; T. Anthony, Charleston, N.S.; F. Moore, next kin, Robt. Moore, H.M.S. Niobe; T. E. Symons, Halifax; G. F. Hawkins, Neils Harbor, C.B.

Afternoon list of April 25:—

L. McKenzie, Bridgewater, N. S.; R. H. Wiseman, Stonehaven, N. B.; Sergt. A. F. Adams, Newcastle, N. B.; R. J. McGinnis, Lower Nappan, N. S.; J. S. D. Campbell, St. John, N. B.; A. Doiron,

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London Military Men Say the Arras Battle Means That

GREAT FIGHT YET TO COME

Haig Forcing Von Hindenburg to Play War Game as Anticipated German Reserves Lavishly Used and Not a Single Objective Gained

London, April 26—(N. Y. Sun cable)—Far greater battles than those raging in the Arras region are impending in the immediate future. This statement is heard from many reliable sources today, when the question arises as to whether the British have reached the climax of their artillery work.

Field Marshal Haig's plans apparently are developing excellently and he is forcing Von Hindenburg to do just what the British anticipated. They knew he would wait until he thought the allies had reached the highest point of efficiency and then throw in enormous masses of reserves to catch them on the down grade.

Reports indicate that the Germans already have used two-thirds of their reserve forces without gaining a single objective. At this rate their force will be spent in futile counter-attacks before the allies reach the mightiest force of their arms. The British have already a wide front on which to deploy, and this soon will be extended. There is not a single officer in London who believes that the affairs on the Arras front will take a dramatic course, but all are assured that the British are going to give the enemy the worst hammering ever delivered to an army.

Weather Against Us

British headquarters in France, April 26.—Via London—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—There has been a comparative lull in the fighting east of Arras in the last twenty-four hours, the German counter-attacks in the effort to retake the positions captured by the British in Monday's push having worn themselves out. After each of these attacking waves had been thrown back the British managed to creep forward still farther.

Heavily overcast skies are giving the German airmen a brief respite from British aerial attacks, enabling them to make efforts to reorganize their badly damaged squadrons, for in four days' fighting the British have accounted for nearly 100 enemy machines.

The British airmen were praying for continuance of clear weather as their worrying tactics had provoked the Germans into heavy fighting, but clouds gathered yesterday and today also the skies were overcast. In consequence the airplane hunt was restricted.