

9000 Prisoners and 40 Guns Captured Canadians Capture Famous Vimy Ridge

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS GAINED BY THE BRITISH AND CANADIANS ON WEST FRONT

Prisoners Taken Already Number Over 9000 and 50 Guns Have Been Captured--Famous Vimy Ridge Now Completely in Hands of the Canadians--French Also Report Progress--American Liner "New York" Strikes Mine But Reaches Liverpool--Independent Labor Party Advocates Discontinuance of Use of Foodstuffs to Manufacture Intoxicants--British Said to Have Been Destroying Subs. at the Rate of One a Day--Incendiary Fires at Minneapolis Causes Loss of \$3,000,000.

4 O'CLOCK P. M. DESPATCHES

GREAT SUCCESS OF SPRING OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, April 10.—The War Office announces that during the night there was severe fighting at the northern end of Vimy Ridge, where the enemy had retained a footing. The Germans were finally ejected and the eastern slopes of the ridge were also cleared by the Canadians who are now in complete possession. The British continuing the advance seized the village of Femport and neighboring defences, north and south of the Scarpe. In the neighborhood of St. Quentin the Germans have been driven from the high ground between Le Vergnier and Haginourt. General Haig reports today that the prisoners captured exceed nine thousand. Over forty guns have been taken.

FRENCH ALSO REPORT PROGRESS

PARIS, April 10.—The war office reports progress by the French in the forest of Coucy and heavy artillery fighting north-east of Soissons.

"NEW YORK" STRIKES MINE BUT REACHES PORT.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The American liner, "New York" struck a mine five miles outside Liverpool bar last night. The passengers were transferred to other vessels and landed without casualties. The ship subsequently reached dock under her own steam.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY WOULD PROHIBIT WASTE

LEEDS, April 10.—The Independent Labor Party conference today adopted resolutions urging the government to pro-

hibit the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of intoxicants during the war.

KRONSTADT PREPARING TO REPEL ASSAULT

KRONSTADT, April 10.—Kronstadt is feverishly preparing to repel an expected German naval attack when the Gulf of Finland is free of ice. The garrison is working night and day in anticipation of the long predicted assault.

DESTROYING U-BOATS AT RATE OF ONE A DAY.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Times today says the British have been destroying U-Boats at the average rate of one a day, since Feb. 1 and latterly at an even higher rate, according to persons returning from Europe who claimed high naval officers and officials as their authority.

HUN AGENTS PROBABLY BUSY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 10.—Three mysterious and apparently incendiary fires were under control here early today after inflicting loss estimated at \$3,000,000. The fires destroyed two large grain elevators owned by the Marfield and Gunn-Shepperson Companies and damaged the bridge across the Mississippi river at Fort Snelling.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL COMMANDEER SEAL OIL

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., April 10.—It is understood the British government will commandeer the entire output of seal oil in this colony this year. Glycerine extracted from the oil has been found valuable in the manufacture of explosives.

CANADIANS TAKE 2000 GERMAN PRISONERS IN WINNING VIMY RIDGE

LONDON, April 9.—On a forty mile front, British troops smashed forward today in the first "push" of what London believed to be the long-awaited spring offensive. More than 5,000 prisoners—119 of them officers—had been captured up to two o'clock this afternoon, according to Gen. Haig's own report tonight. A score of villages, towns, hills and dominating points were taken, including many miles of the strongest possible German trench positions. Canadian troops bore the brunt of part of the hardest of all fighting in this titanic thrust. They dashed forward over the famous Vimy Ridge, whose black sides have been stained by the death of thousands in previous heroic attempts by both French and British to cling to its dominating points. Twice before have allied forces held this bloody outcropping of earth and twice have they been forced to relinquish it in the tremendous concentration of German attacks.

The zone of British operation extended from north of Arras down to the wedge which Haig, a week ago jammed forward against the German line around St. Quentin, Cambrai, key to the entire "Hindenburg line," was one point at which this giant offensive was evidently aimed, and the British onslaught carried the Germans back from half a dozen different villages and trench positions. Thelus was apparently the northernmost point of this tremendous smash and Pontru and LeVerguier the southernmost.

According to Haig's report tonight, the new British fight-

ing front thrust forward by the powerful punch over 40 miles, runs something in this wise: From around Vimy to Thelus (3½ miles northeast of Arras) to Blagny, St. Laurent and Athies, all about two miles north and east of Arras to Vitasse (three miles southeast of Arras), to Henin, around Ecoust, eastward to Boursties, nine miles distant from Cambrai. Just below Boursties lies Demicourt, Hermes and the Havrincourt wood. From here the British line swings sharply toward the main German line of communications from St. Quentin to Cambrai, stopping in the neighborhood of Ronsoy, and continuing on a parallel line with the main Cambrai-St. Quentin road down through Jeancourt, LeVerguier, Pontru and Fresnoy le Petit. This brings the British forces within a little over two miles of St. Quentin.

Apparently the most desperate fighting on this big front was around Arras, where Haig reported the capture of "powerful trench systems."

"From Heninsuotjeul to the southern outskirts of Givenchy we stormed the enemy's defences to a depth of two to three miles," the British statement said.

"In the neighborhood of Havrincourt Wood we made further progress. Demicourt was captured."

"In the direction of St. Quentin we captured the villages of Pontru and Le Verguier."

"The defences captured comprised a network of trenches and the fortified localities of Neuville Vitasse, Telegraph Hill, Tilloy, Zooflains, an observation ridge, St. Laurent, Blagny les Tillets, La Folie Farm, and Vimy Ridge. The latter was captured by the Canadians. Up to two o'clock we had taken 5,816 prisoners."

"We captured the enemy's rearguard defences including the fortified localities of Fenchy Chapel, the Hyderabad Redoubt, Athies and Thelus and other powerful trench systems."

"Our prisoners include 119 officers. The prisoners belong to Bavarian divisions, which suffered heavy casualties."

"There was great aerial activity and several bombing raids, with excellent co-operation of the artillery."

"Two enemy machines were destroyed and fifteen others were brought down. Two German balloons were burned. Ten of our aeroplanes are missing."

THE ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

**Engineer James Collins Died—
Was Fatally Injured a Few
Weeks Ago Near Folger.**

Many regrets were expressed when it became known that James Collins, one of the best known C.P.R. engineers in this district had passed away in the Hotel Dieu in Kingston on Sunday afternoon after two weeks of patient suffering. Everything possible had been done to save the life of the engineer, but he passed quietly away Sunday.

It will be remembered that the late Mr. Collins was fatally injured in a wreck caused by a wash-out near Folger station a few weeks ago. The accident occurred on the afternoon of March 27th, and the engine in toppling over, pinned Mr. Collins beneath it. He was extricated as soon as possible and rushed to the city where he was taken to the Hotel Dieu.

The late Mr. Collins was one of the oldest and most reliable engineers on the road. He had been

connected with this division for over thirty-four years and as an engineer for over twenty years. Prior to that he was mechanical superintendent at Renfrew. Through all his connection with the C.P.R., he was considered a most valuable employee and in his death the company will suffer a distinct loss.

The deceased engineer is survived by his sorrowing widow and two sons, Norton of Kingston and Joseph of Toronto, also by four sisters, Mrs. James Daley, of Ottawa, Mrs. Thos. Daley, of Cape Vincent, N.Y., Miss Mary Collins, of Brockville and Miss Sarah Collins of Belleville. Two brothers, Thos. of Belleville and Joseph of Shelbyville, Ind., also survive.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning from his residence 94 Lower Bagot St., Kingston, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of his soul.

PLAYING INDIAN

Some boys playing Indians yesterday were interrogated by the police as to who broke a window in the rear of a building near the corner of Front and Campbell streets. A boot had been thrown through a pane of glass.

THE WORLD AT WAR

Two-thirds of the world's population is at war. The estimated population of the world is 1,691,751,000. The population of the belligerent countries and their colonies total 1,144,400,000. The Entente Allies with the entry of the United States, will consist of:

Belgium	22,600,000
British Empire	448,000,000
France	37,000,000
Italy	37,000,000
Japan	74,000,000
Montenegro	500,000
Portugal	15,000,000
Rumania	7,600,000
Russia	175,000,000
Serbia	4,600,000
United States	112,000,000
Total	948,100,000

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT

Board of Health Desires Appointment of Sanitary Inspector
The Board of Health met yesterday afternoon in the city clerk's office and recommended to the City Council the appointment of a sanitary inspector for the corporation.

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