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Great Guns Thundering As If Presaging Another Attack

Intense Hostile Artillery Fire Along The British Front—Haig's Men Have Made Slight Advance South of The Somme

Intense hostile artillery work has been proceeding at various points along the British battlefield throughout the night and this morning.

A BRITISH GAIN

London, April 8.—On the southern bank of the Somme the British last night made a small advance. This is announced officially. The statement follows: "We advanced our line slightly during the night on the south bank of the Somme, east of Val-de-Somme."

HEAVY GUN WORK

Paris, April 8.—Violent artillery engagements occurred last night, especially on the left bank of the Oise river, says today's official report. No infantry actions on the principal battle front are reported.

USE TWENTY FIVE DIVISIONS IN FOUR DAYS OF FIGHTING

German Reckless of Losses of Men in Seeking Objective

FRENCH SAVING RESERVES

Enemy Compelled to Change Tactics and Attack in Massed Formations is Resumed; The Seventy-Fives Cut Great Losses Through Hun Ranks

With the French Army in France

April 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Twenty-five divisions have been used by the Germans in the last four days in efforts to break through the French line.

Saving the Reserves

The cheerfulness and confidence with which the French troops go into action is most remarkable. They feel they are better than the enemy and make light of the German superiority in numbers.

Powerful trench mortars have made their appearance behind the German infantry, but up to this time have not influenced the situation to any extent.

CHIEF JUSTICE HOWELL OF MANITOBA DEAD

Winnipeg, April 8.—Hon. H. M. Howell, chief justice of Manitoba, died last night, after seventy-five years, after a lengthy illness.

ground on the northern slopes of the hill

The Germans occupied two hills overlooking Mont Renaud, which possesses little practical value, although they afford a view of what is going on in Noyon and slightly beyond that town.

Further eastward along the Oise

The French fell back on Saturday from the dangerous salient north of Amigny. Fighting all the way, they retired to better positions which had been prepared along the course of the Ailette river.

HE CONFIRMS WHAT LICHTENOWSKY SAID

German People Learn English Not Responsible For War

VON JAGOW'S STATEMENT

New Comes Persus With Assertion That "An Understanding Ought Now To Be Easier"

As the London Times points out

the German people are learning English. Von Jagow's statement is a confirmation of what Lichtensky said in his article in the Times.

AMERICA IS TO RUSH HER TROOPS OVERSEAS

Seven Seas Being Combed For Ships to Transport Men and Materials

Washington, April 8.—A large part of the American army will be sent to England just as soon as the ships to transport it can be assembled.

MAY NOW SEND PAPERS TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS IN BUNDLES OF TEN

Ottawa, April 8.—The Canadian post office department has a cablegram from the British post office stating that daily, weekly and other periodical publications may now be mailed to soldiers overseas.

Cuban President Honored

Havana, April 8.—The French minister to Cuba yesterday bestowed upon President Menocal in the name of President Monrovia, the Grand Cross of the French Legion of Honor.

PUBLIC RIGHTS RESPECTED

Section 3 of the Cleveland Street Railway Franchise says—"At all times during the continuance of the rights here granted, and any renewal hereof, the company shall keep in its office, open to inspection, at all reasonable times, full, true and accurate accounts of all moneys expended and liabilities incurred in connection with said business, and the maintenance and operation of said property, and also complete statistical accounts of its business and operations, which accounts shall be kept in the manner prescribed by the American Street and Interurban Railway Accountants' Association, or as may be provided by law, or by any authority created by law, and the said company shall make and furnish to the city street railroad commissioner monthly reports of its car-mileage and earnings, and such other statements and reports as the said commissioner may from time to time direct; and said commissioner shall at all times have access to and full authority to inspect, examine, audit and verify all accounts, vouchers, documents, books and property of the company relating to the receipt and expenditure of money, and the business done by the company in the operation of its railway."

DISCUSS MERGER

Conference of Representatives of Dominion Steel and N. S. Steel and Coal

Montreal, April 8.—The first formal conference of the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company is being held here today.

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OUR LOSSES AT SOMME 500,000

U. S. Official Says Also That French Killed at Verdun Numbered 240,000

ITALIAN PRAISE FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, Ont., April 7.—The following cablegram has been received by Sir George E. Postor: "Milan, April 4, 1918.—The sublime heroism with which brave Canadian troops are fighting for cause of justice and freedom fills our hearts with greatest enthusiasm, and we beg Your Excellency to accept expressions of our most profound and reverent admiration for the Dominion whose sons are giving such splendid examples of intrepidity and fighting spirit."

Head Office, "Credito Italiano." A reply was sent by Sir George Postor.

Port Wayne, Ind., April 7.—Six persons were killed and four seriously injured and \$700 in gold was scattered along the Wabash railway track when a passenger train struck an automobile in which ten persons were riding here tonight.

The gold belonged to one of the victims who would not put his money in a bank and who had placed the \$700 in a can under the rear seat. Money found and collected \$500 in the money.

WINNIPEG NEXT

Toronto End of Inquiry Into Transportation of Soldiers Completed

Toronto, April 8.—After sitting five days a board which has been conducting an inquiry into the transportation of soldiers from overseas, has concluded its Toronto hearings.

THE CAPE BRETON MINING QUESTIONS

Sydney, N. S., April 8.—The latest announcement on the labor situation in this part of Canada is that on April 17 there will be held a conference in Ottawa by representatives of the government, the mine owners and employees.

J. C. Watters will attend the conference as president of the trades and labor congress. Mr. Watters has gone to New Glasgow to interview President Crockett and General Manager Adams of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company to effect if possible a continuous settlement of their labor troubles.

TOO EARLY TO NAME AMBASSADOR FROM RUSSIA TO AUSTRIA

Vienna, via London, April 6.—Count Caemlin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, replying to a message of the people's commissariat in Moscow regarding the appointment of Leo Kamenef, a member of the Russian peace delegation, as Ambassador to Austria, said that he desired to point out that according to Article 10 of the peace treaty "diplomatic and consular relations are to be resumed only after the ratification of the peace treaty and that only then will the moment have arrived for the selection of mutual representatives."

ST. LAWRENCE ICE RUN EXPECTED SOON

Montreal, April 8.—The ice in the St. Lawrence river is expected to go out within the next two or three days. The Richelleu cleared at seven o'clock last night, and the St. Lawrence, as a rule, follows usually within a few days.

QUEBEC GOVERNOR HOME, HOPE FOR HIS RECOVERY

Quebec, Que., April 8.—Lieutenant-Governor Sir Evariste LeBlanc reached here from Philadelphia yesterday and took up his residence at Spencer Wood. The governor is feeling very well after his trip. His physicians are hopeful for his recovery.

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Inquest Into Quebec Riots

Members of Families of Victims On Stand

Mayor of City Gives Evidence Tracing Events Up To Time of Demand for Troops To Put Down the Disturbance

Quebec, April 8.—Coroner Jolicoeur today opened an official inquiry into the death of four civilians killed during the rioting at St. Sauveur on last Monday night. The inquest opened with a tone of authority that is meant to measure, if possible, the very cause of the outbreak, to establish whether or not strangers to Quebec city were in the lead of the movement.

The first witness was Mrs. S. Brim, widow of H. Bergeron, one of the civilians killed in the rioting. She said her husband on Monday night left home to go about the scene of the rioting, to round up his sons, whom he feared were around the scene. He wanted them to be safely home.

The wife of A. Bussieres, another civilian killed, said that she and her husband left home to attend Armand Lavergne's meeting. She says she waited in vain for his coming home, and found trace of him only when she identified his body at the morgue.

She says that when he left he had money, a watch, etc., and that when she identified him at the morgue, all these had vanished from his pockets.

Lumina Berube, mother of young Demules, another civilian killed, testified that her son had left with his younger brother to attend a church party given for the St. Roch's church fund. The boy never carried fire arms and had never mentioned his participation in any manifestations.

Cyprien Tremblay, night watchman, uncle of Edward Tremblay, the fourth civilian killed, also testified.

Mayor Lavigne related the series of streets closed with the mob's attack against federal detectives at No. 3 police station in St. Roch's on Thursday evening, March 28th. He related how Gen. Landry had telephoned him that detectives of the military authorities were attacked in St. Roch's, how he (the mayor) told Gen. Landry to have the troops ready and wait till the mayor had gone to the scene to pacify the mob, falling which, he would telephone for the troops.

The mayor said he went to the scene of the trouble, found that it had subsided and returned home, confident that no further trouble was to be expected. But, in the morning, he said, Captain Desrochers of the military police, telephoned him that Belanger had been killed by the mob. Here Mayor Lavigne reported he understood the trouble had been brought about by the public sentiment that had grievances against Evariste LeBlanc, the two federal "spotters" for the manner in which they treated men alleged to be absentees.

"On Friday morning," continued the mayor, "A Gobeil, head registrar telephoned me, telling that there was a rumor that the crowd would attack the registrar's office. I then ordered the Chief of Police Trudel to have the entire police force on hand. In the afternoon, I got a letter from Mr. Gobeil confirming his telephone of the morning. I again called the chief of police, ordering him to mobilize the entire police force and give such instructions as to preserve the public peace and property. He told me not to worry.

"About seven that evening, I telephoned Chief of Police Trudel, asking him what precautions he had taken, and telling him I wanted to see him. He called at my house about 7:45 and he was with me when a constable reported to him over the phone that a mob was forming in St. Roch's with the intent of going up the river causeway. I went to meet General Landry, and took the chief of police. Passing the corner of Palace and St. John streets, I saw a group of disarmed men, and ordered Landry's office, where we remained half an hour. In the meantime the mob had smashed the windows of the Chronicle and L'Evenement. I then asked General Landry to call the militia, but he said to do this he would have to obtain authority in writing from the mayor and two justices of the peace.

"After hunting up a justice of the peace, who signed the papers, I returned to General Landry who then told me that the troops were at my disposal and that to get them I only had to read the riot act."

EXPLOSION IN THE BETHEHEM WORKS

Baltimore, April 8.—The entire city was shaken about 9 o'clock this morning by terrific explosion at the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant at Sparrows Point. In the southern section hundreds of persons, aroused by the noise and terrified by the effects of the shock, rushed from their homes.

The officials of the company refused to divulge the extent of damage or cause of the blow-up.

LATER

Baltimore, April 8.—Hot slag being dumped into the river caused the explosion. No accident of any kind occurred at the steel plant. The dumping of slag into the river is a nightly occurrence, and it is generally accompanied by an explosion. This time, however, it was unusually heavy.

HAD THE VERONICA IN TOW FOR A TIME

Steamer Reaching Halifax Had to Drop Her as Coal Supply Ran Low

A Canadian Atlantic Port, April 8.—A salt laden steamer arriving here yesterday from a Mediterranean port reports having picked up the steamship Veronica in mid-ocean, towed her 400 miles and then abandoned her because the salt-laden steamer's fuel supply was low. Another steamer is reported to have gone to her assistance. Reports that this rescue steamer could not locate the Veronica could not be verified this morning.

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