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# BRITISH FRONT REMAINS UNCHANGE

GERMAN POSITIONS HAMMER

THEY BOTH MEAN LIBERTY

## ENEMY POSITIONS NIGHT AND GREAT EFFECT

tween Batteries for Many Days.

WONDERFUL SUCCESSES

In Earlier Gas Bombardment 22 German Batteries Put

dumps, while time after time hostile i fantry positions, assembly areas, and communications have been swept with a harassing fire. Indeed, since my last cable, artillery activity has been the main feature on the Canadian front. There have been constant duels between our own and enemy batteries. A considerable amount of gas has been used.

Wonderful Success. Wonderful Success.
Early this morning we carried out a small projector gas bombardment against the enemy positions, to which the Huns replied with gas shelling, but neither operation approached the magnitude of our heavy gas-shell bombardment reported in my cable of April 8, in which over 9,000 shells were fired on hostile artillery positions. That gas bombardment was as successful as it was extensive, 22 out of 32 batteries en-

time, save for constant clashes be liveen patrols. In one vigorous encounter with a hostile raiding party, 2 strong, one of our patrols drove thraiders back in disorder, killing size eapturing two, and wounding ten a east. We suffered only three sligh

#### AMERICANS REFUSE TO DEAL WITH ANY **GERMAN DELEGATES**

Only Divergence of Opinion at Labor Meeting.

abor mission held its first informal sitting with representatives of the British Labor party at the House of Commons vesterday, and discussed the war aims program adopted by the inter-allied versal Lightning Rod Company, abor congress. The only divergency of pointon which developed was over the clause demanding a meeting with the labor delegates from the central powers similar to that provided at the Stockholm conference. The American delegates stood out staunchly against any meeting with the representatives of the enemy. Further discussion was postponed until April 29.

The British Labor representatives of the retired his father was all with the representatives of the Associated Press.—Every honor for when he retired his father was all wight.

#### **RECRUITING OFFICES** "SNOWED UNDER" BY **RUSH OF WELSHMEN**

Miners Coming To Enlist In Great Numbers.

London, April 18 .- The flow of recruits from the mining districts of Wales to Cardiff continues freely and to relieve the congestion at the receiving depot a general appeal has been made for persons to assist the recruiting officers. President Calaghan of the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce, at the Coal and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours Chamber of Commerce, at the Coal and below temperature. Shipping Exchange there yesterday, called for volunteers to assist in the work. He said the recruiting officers were virtually "snowed under," and were working all day and until late at might without being able to deal with port Arthur and the commerce of the co all the men who had come forward.

VARSITY WILL HONOR READING AND ROOT

Toronto, April 17 .- The senate of the Tronto, April 17.—The senate of the funiversity of Toronto will confer at the convocation on May 17 the honoration of May 17 the honoration of May 17 the honoration of May 18 the form Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Amsterdam says that, according to advices from Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, during yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's signed the document tendering the form Berlin, diving yesterday's and the line south of Arar and the line south of Arar and the line south of Arar and the line south of the States form Berlin, diving yesterday's sitting of the Reichstag, Herr Geck, So-calist, suggested making an agreement said Premier Wekerle had decided to replace the form and the line south, where the form held of the British of the document tendering the form Hellows Anar and the line south, where the form held of the British of the Reichstag, Herr Geck, So-calists, suggested making an agreement said Premier Wekerle had decided to replace the firm members present the form held of the form and the line south, where the form held of the form and the line south, where the form held of the form and the line south, where the form held of the form and the line south, when the situations.

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### Constant Duels Fought Be- UKRAINE BECOMING TEUTONIC PROVINCE

Washington, D. C., April 18.-In arrying out their plan to make the Ukraine an Austro-German colony, the Ukraine Rada and to instal an Austro-German Government, a report reaching Out of Action.

By W. A. WILLISON

(Canadian Press Correspondent.)
Cahadian Army Headquarters, April
1.—All night long Canadian guns, both heavy and light, have been active against the enemy positions, shelling hostile batteries, routes, railways and

## WELLINGTON ST. MAN MISSING: DEATH FEARED

Recent Attack of Pneumonia Followed by Mental Depression and Melancholy.

David Rutherford, an aged man, residing at 203 Wellington street, has disappeared from his kome. His whereabouts are unknown. There are those who fear that he may have ended his life in the river.

Mr. Rutherford is 74 years of age, and up to a short time ago had never known a day's sickness. He then suffered an attack of grippe, followed by pneumonta. He had just recovered war-making as an ally, for her industry those who fear that he may have ended his life in the river.

Mr. Rutherford is 74 years of age, and up to a short time ago had never known a day's sickness. He then suffered an attack of grippe, followed by pneumonia. He had just recovered from this. Sunday night he retired as usual, but some time early Monday morning got up, dressed and left the house without anyone hearing him. This is the last which has been heard of him.

"Why not, in truth, Canada, trusted as a good debtor, esteemed as a near neighbor, honored as a noble ally? Certainly we can do no less for Canada than we do for the others. Undoubtedly we ought to do more. For her war-making as an ally, for her industry building as our neighbor and next of kin we must lend Canada willingly, generously, as long as we can lend a cent to any other power." The attack of pneumonia seems to

have left the aged man in a slight state of melancholy. This and inactivity following his illness seemed to prey on his mind. He was restless, and continually talking of getting out and selling lightning rods, having for ways been the agent of the Unifor years been the agent of the Un

roused great enthusiasm when they but he was not there. He had dressed that American labor was united himself in clean clothes, which had been laid out for him, and gone. Another the war until German mill-but he was not there. He had dressed that yellow the was not the military Cross, Bar to the Military Medal.

Is Only 23 Years of Age.

McCudden, who is now 23 years old, entered the British army as a bugler

#### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest mperatures recorded in London during temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 57; lowest, 45. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 46.

TOMORROW-SNOW OR SLEET. Forecasts.

previous to 8 a.m. today Stations. High. I.

Snow Ottawa ...... Montreal .....

## **WASHINGTON IS** URGED TO LEND **GENEROUSLY TO** CANADA IN WAR

New York Sun Sets Forth the **Dominion's Claims** for Help.

WOULD BE GOOD POLICY

central powers intend to dissolve the Neighbor Ought To Be Treated Even Better Than Others.

> New York, April 18.—The Sun this morning in a long editorial says:
> "While Canada is preparing for her new war credit we here in the United States can do nothing better for that heroic member of the Allies, and nothing better for ourselves, than to play a large part in the financing of our neighbor. We need to do this to sustain one of the stoutest arms raining blows upon the advancing Germans in France. We need to do it to preserve France. We need to do it to prese a foreign trade which, peace or v is worth more to us, with the sir exception of the United Kingdom, t that of any other domain on earth,

Consider Canada's population, ck cash assets, her distance fighting zone, and what she he on the battlefield is thus far the cryel of the war. With a population only about 7,000,000 in round nums—lower by some three millions than a population of the state of New York 74-Year-Old Resident Left
Early Monday Morning,
Dropping From Sight.

WAS ILL AND WORRIED

the population of the state of New York —she has maintimed at the front a superb army of 300,000 men, whose fighting power, man for man, has been unexcelled by any in the war. She has poured into the struggle upwards of a billion and a half of funded treasure. And now she is to begin the raising of another \$500,000,00 or two billions within four years.

Why Not Finance Canada

measure. inance Canada, heroic fighter splendid ally, with loans to be spent in this country? Why not finance her above any other country? We lend Great Britain credits to spend in this

## Star British Airman

Sunday night the impression that he was losing valuable sales was uppermost in his mind. Mrs. Rutherford stated that she tried to lead his mind to other channels, as she did not wish him to go out so soon. She worth

The British Labor representatives gave a dinner to the American delegates in the "strangers' dining-room" of the House of Commons. Speeches were made by Thomas Henderson, M. P., and John P. Frey and George L. Borry, American delegates. Both of the latter aroused great enthusiasm when they was not there. He had dressed that short aroused great enthusiasm when they was not there. He had dressed that since Mr. Rutherford's tilness she has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British officer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the star British afficer can gain has been won by Captain James By-ford McCudden, the

other strange feature is that he took his bankbook with him.

Since then not the slightest trace has been secured of him. The family has communicated with people in different sections of the country, where it was thought he might possibly have gone, and has also inquired of the neighbors in the district to see if any if them Continued on Page Three.

McCudden, who is now 23 years old, entered the British army as a bugler eight years ago. He went to France as a private in the original expeditionary force. Having had some experience in the air he was pressed into service as an observer at Mons, and gave valuable information of enemy movements. From sergeant he was promoted to a commissioned rank as an observer, and collected the British army as a bugler eight years ago. He went to France as a private in the original expeditionary force. Having had some experience in the air he was pressed into service as an observer at Mons, and gave valuable information of enemy movements. commissioned rank as an observer, and quickly won fame for his handling of a machine gun in aerial fighting. Since he has had more than one hundred

has participated in 78 offensive patro's and on at least thirty other occasions he has crossed the enemy lines alone, either in pursuit of or in quest of

## WOULD STOP AIR RAIDS

London, April 17 .- A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that, according to



## FRENCH HEAVILY NORTHERN AREA: FOE ATTACKS ALONG AISNE FRONT STOPPED

Allies Take Prisoners Among Assaulting Troops and Others in Raids Into the German Lines, Which Were Succe ssful.

London, April 18 .- Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency .- The French are heavily in action on the northern battle area, ATTACK BROKEN UP. Paris, April 18 .- After a preliminary bombardment a strong German

detachment attempted to advance last night near Corbeny, on the Alsne front. Today's official statement says the attack was broken up by the The statement follows: "In the region of Corbeny the French caught under their fire and dispersed a strong German detachment, which attempted to approach the French lines after artillery preparation. FOE RAIDS REPULSED.

'The Germans undertook several raids in the Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse, especially to the east of Caurier Wood, and near Damloup. All the enemy's efforts were repulsed and prisoners remained 'Northwest of Rolze, in Lorraine, we succeeded in several incursions

Into the German lines, and took a certain number of prisoners."

## Has Every Possible PASSCHENDAELE HAS Honor For Valor NOW BEEN EVACUATED

Lessens Danger From Enemy's Present Drive.

GREATLY SHORTENS LINE

Retirement Planned and the Advancing Foe Swept by Artillery.

With the British Army in France April 18 .- (By the Associated Press.) -Had anyone said a month ago that there would be rejoicing to see the British withdraw and abandon the Passchendaele Ridge system, which was won with such difficulty last summer, it would have excited derision. But the whole British army is glad at this bold move. It not only lessens the danger from the enemy drive about Wytschaete and Bailleul, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. It seems a machine gun in aerial fighting. Since he has had more than one hundred fights without ever having sustained a wound.

Has 54 Notches.

Fifty-four German airplanes have been accounted for by Capt. McCudden. Of these 42 have been destroyed, 19 of them on the British side of the lines. On two occasions the British star has totally destroyed four two-seater enemy airplanes on the same day, and on the last occasion all four machines were destroyed in the space of one hour and thirty minutes. With his squadron he has participated in 78 offensive patrols and on at least thirty other occasions he has a grossed the enemy lines alone.

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parent that nothing unusual had hap-pened. They found the forward posi-tions vacant, and advanced in great numbers. Then the British artillery opened at an experture. enemy airplanes.

"This officer is considered," says the Official London Gazette, "by the record which he has made by his fearlessness, and by the great service he has rendered to his country, deserving of the very highest honor."

GERMAN SOCIALIST

WOULD STOP AIR RAIDS

numbers. Then the British artillery opened at an opportune moment and deluged the whole territory with an inferno of fire, which worked havoc among the wandering infantry.

The Germans must now pull forward and once more man the difficult heights, and they will have to drag their artillery up over bad ground to the positions which it occupied before the British offensive began last summer. It will be an undestrable task.

#### an undesirable task. BOHEMIANS STARVING

#### ANSWER IS, ANYTHING

William recently made a visit to the battlefield near Queant, west the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger "His Majesty's silence was broken only once," he says, when he remarked to an officer who stood beside him: 'What

### RIOTING IN BELFAST: ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEETING BROKEN UP

have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors?"

Revolvers and Police Batons Much In Evidence.

the breaking up of an anti-conscription danger from the enemy drive about Wytschaete and Bailleul, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. It seems to a dispatch to the Daily News. Repart in a way to give up ridges over the defensive line. It seems to a dispatch to the Daily News. Repart in a way to give up ridges over the defensive line. It seems to a dispatch to the Daily News. Repart in a way to give up ridges over the defension of the imperial treas-

## REPORTED RESIGNED

Amsterdam, April 18 .- The Hungarian Ministry has resigned, a dispatch from Budapest reports.
The decision of the Hungarian cabinet
was reached at a meeting yesterday
morning, at which Premier Wekerle
presided. All the members of the cabesirable task.

IMIANS STARVING
BY THE THOUSANDS

Inet were present except Count Szyerenyi, minister of commerce, and Count
Zichy, minister of interior, who were
absent from Budapest. After a short
conference, all the members present
signed the document tendering. their inet were present except Count Szyer-

## **WAR SECRETARY:** EARL OF DERBY **GOES TO PARIS** Austen Chamberlain Be-

comes Member of the War Cabinet.

London, April 18 .- Official announceient was made today that the Earl of Derby has been appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary on a special mission to France, in succession to Lord Bertie.

Viscount Milner becomes secretary for war, and J. Austen Chamberlain a member of the war cabinet.

Paris, April 18.—Premier Clemenceau nad a long conference last night with Lord Milner, Britain's new secretary for

Alfred Milner, first Viscount Milner, has been a member of the British war abinet without portfolio since December 10, 1916. The Earl of Derby has been at the head of the war office since

ago that Lord Bertie was about to leave his post in Paris, where he has been ambassador since 1905. Lord Bertie, who was raised to the peerage in 1915, entered the foreign office in 1863, and was formerly British ambassador to Italy. He is 74 years old Viscount Milner has had a prominent

career in British politics, and was Brit-ish high commissioner for South Africa previous to 1905 and from 1902 to 1905 he was governor of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies. He was born in Mr Chamberlain the eldest son of the

Mr. Chamberlain, the eldest son of the late Joseph Chamberlain, has been a prominent figure in public life for a score of years. His last previous post was secretary for India, which he resigned last July after been censured by the commission which investigated the disastrous first campaign of the British in Mesopotamia. Mr. Chamberlain, who as secretary for India, was largely responsible for the arrangement for the campaign, admitted in the Common that serious errors had been made.

#### REICHSTAG TOLD OF TERRIBLE DEBT FOR **GERMANY IN FUTURE**

## Will Be Wailing and Gnashing

New York, April 18 .- Germany will ave to observe the greatest economy or her national debt is now 124,000,-000,000 marks, and the hour of reckoning will come when there will be wall-

ing and gnashing of teeth on the part of the taxpayers. This reflection on the German financial situation was London, April 18.-Rioting, attended to the Cologne Gazette received here. Reviews Situation.

rial loans should be redeemed by king the holdings of the wealthy asses, "who desired to uphold the onomic life."

Wants No More War. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner added: "Up to a few years ago the German cities were still paying off war debts and indemnities resulting from the wars of the Napoleonic period. We all hope that there will be no such war as this again within a measureable period of time, and that we will find statesmen who will be able to guide the country in such a manner that we will have really be involved by hat we will not again be involved. In

#### Germans Completely Repulsed Three Times In the Bailleul Sector Wednesday Forenoon.

ENEMY FAILS TO DENT

BRITISH LINE IN NIGHT;

HIS ATTACKS SMASHED

LOCON-ROBECQ FRONT BUSY

Severe Losses Inflicted On Fo e Yesterday as He Attacked in Three Waves at Forest of Nieppe-Wytschaete.

London, April 18.—Southeast of Kemmel Hill, on the northern battlefront, the Germans pressed back the British line slightly, but the situation was restored by a counter-attack, the war office announces. During the night there was no change in the British frent.

In the Bailleul sector the Germans made three attacks before noon yesterday, and in each case suffered a complete repulse.

The Germans opened a heavy bombardment of the British positions on the southwestern part of the Lys battlefront, between Locon and Robecq, during the night. The bombardment was still in progress at dawn today. TEXT OF STATEMENT.

The text of the statement reads: "There has been no change on the British front dur ing the night.

'The hostile artillery has shown great activity on the southern portion of the Lys battlefront from Givenchy to east of Robecq. A heavy bombardment of our positions between Locon and Robecq was still continuing at dawn 'Local attacks were repulsed by our troops yester day evening in the Merris sector.

LINE INTACT.

'More detailed accounts of the fighting of yesterday on the forest of Nieppe-Wytschaete front establishes the severity of the enemy's losses. Southeast of Kemmel Hill the German infantry attacked in three waves, and at one point pressed back our line slightly. In this locality the situation was restored by a counter-attack, and shortly after mid-day the attack had been repulsed at all points. In the Bailleul sector the enemy attacked three times be fore mid-day, and in each case suffered repulse.

'Our line yesterday evening was reported intact on the whole front."

With the British Army in France, April 18-11 a.m. By the Associated Press-he Germans brought up fresh divisions for the hard thrusts which they made vesterday. Although the British were unable to hold Wytschaete and Meteren which they had retaken by a brilliant counter-attack, they beat off the enemy elsewhere. The British maintained their line throughout the night A renewed heavy bombardment of the British front between La Bassee Canal, at Givenchy and the Nieppe Forest, suggests the Germans contemplation nother heavy drive in this region, in the hope of taking Bethune and creating

All the areas back of this section of the front were sprinkled with gas shells hroughout last night. At 6 o'clock this morning the bombardment was nearly f drumfire intensity between Locon and Robecq, where the enemy has tried epeatedly to advance his line to the canal

#### THE WAR SITUATION

Fleid Marshal Halg reports his line east of Ypres, no ground having been lost in the battling of yesterday, despite the heavy German attacks during the entire period.

Checked for the time at least in front of the strong British positions dom-

turning their attention to the south-westerly sector of the battlefield.

The enemy is finding himself cramped on the southerly side of the wedge he has pushed into the British lines, and seems on the eve of an effort to widen it out here. Furthermore, at Locon the Germans are only some three miles northern battle area.

The dense is the property of the wedge he has pushed into the British lines, and yes a strength was a strength with the property of the pr north of Bethune, an important rallway centre, and at Robecq are within six miles of Lillers, a Junction point on the rallway from Bethune to Hazebrouck.
The British have been holding this sector of the front as strongly as they are the northwesterly edge of the salient, where they have held up the Ger man attempt to advance further toward man attempt to advance rurner toward Hazebrouck, as was indicated anew in the repulse of fresh German attacks last night in the Merris sector, along the Bailleul-Hazebrouck Rallway. It seems not unlikely that the Entente

high command has forestalled a possible larger German purpose to drive deter-minedly southward, envelope Bethune, and push on to a point where they can compel the British to fall back from Givenchy and the region north of Arras, line, however, will be followed with close attention, in view of this possibility, and campaign the enemy employed

army, which holds the enemy right flank to the sea, to drive in the front of the on the Lys battlefront standing intact Belgians. At half-past 8 o'clock in the last night as it existed yesterday morn- morning, after an all-night bombarding, following the British retirement ment, the Germans attacked on a front

of the strong British positions dom-inated by Kemmel Hill, on the northern portion of this front, the Germans are all day. The Belgians took 600 prison-A heavy bombardment of the British to seven different regiments, which repositions here between Locon and Robecq was reported in progress this and one marine infantry divisions. STRENUOUS DAY.

British Headquarters in France, April 18—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency). her battle area.

e day was satisfactory, the record neing heavily in our favor. The man waves dashed against our lines alf a dozen places, but only at

Merris, and there were two attempt grand objective is undertained the result of the ridge system from Kemmel Hill to Wytschaete. While the Germans have not made ny definite gains More Ghastly Toll.

where the dominating Vimy Ridge is the German objective.

Whether, indeed, this be the larger German strategy has not yet been shown. The development of the enemy demonstration on the Locon-Robecq glain positions nearer the coast is especially noteworthy. In this stage of the ially noteworthy. In this stage o its bearing upon the great struggle on the Somme front to the south, where the firm hold of the British on the Arras region and the line south of Albert has held up the enemy push on the Germans speedily found that the theory are speedily found to the firm has held up the enemy push on the south of Albert has held up the enemy push on the south of Albert has held up the south of Albert has been the south has been the south of Albert has been the south of Albert has been the south has been th