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German Guns Are Roaring

Intense Bombardment Opened This Morning in Flanders—Heavy Fighting Along Whole Italian Front

London, May 4—An intense bombardment was opened by the Germans early this morning on the Flanders front from Loos to south of Ypres.

Paris, May 4—Spirited artillery fighting along the Arve River, on the front southeast of Amiens, is reported in today's official statement.

Venice, May 3, via London, May 4—Heavy fighting along the whole Italian front between the Adriatic and the Giudicaria Valley in the north is reported in today's official statement.

An Austro-German offensive on the Italian front has been predicted as part of the plan of the Central Empire for a heavy campaign in the hope of obtaining a decision in the next few months.

British Official.

London, May 4—The British statement follows: "We improved our position slightly last night by a successful minor enterprise northeast of Hinges and captured machine guns."

A successful local operation in which several prisoners were secured by the French and British troops was carried out in the Loos sector.

Early this morning the enemy's artillery opened an intense bombardment of the French and British positions in the neighborhood of Loos to the south of Ypres, and has shown great activity in the Forest de Nieppe-Metres sector."

Back of the Lines.

An American Base in France, May 3—(By the Associated Press)—"Some idea of the wonderful progress that is being made back of the lines," said James Keene, director of the Franco-American committee on public information, to the Associated Press today, "may be gathered from the simple announcement that 350,000 tons of material were handled by the transportation department in April as against less than half that amount in January."

The storage facilities for three months' complete supplies for an army of 2,000,000 men are almost finished."

Enemy Getting Ready.

Paris, May 3—(By the Associated Press)—"Undoubtedly the enemy has not yet had time to prepare for a further offensive, but it is apparent they are getting ready as fast as possible. This was another fine day and trouble was heaving both in Flanders and south of the Somme. The Allied troops are in magnificent spirits and are looking forward to a renewal of the struggle with confidence."

There was no break in the lull this morning, but there were plans of artillery activity at various points and the usual raids and outpost actions continue. The Germans have been working their hand so far as a big attack was concerned.

Belgian Front.

Paris, May 3—Belgian communication: "Last night the machine gun and rifle fire of our infantry checked a German attack on one of our positions in the Niepoort zone. There were bombing engagements and artillery activity in the region north of Laussemack. The activity of the artillery became more severe along our front this afternoon, principally in the region of Boesinghe, where we have carried out a destructive fire upon hostile batteries. A German airplane was shot down today."

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MUST OBSERVE THE LAW RE HOARDING

Sharp Warnings Issued By The Canada Food Board

Ottawa, May 4—The Canada Food Board yesterday issued a sharp warning that the recent order restricting the amount of flour and sugar which may lawfully be held must be strictly observed, and that excess holdings must be returned at once to the dealers from whom purchased. The food board, with the co-operation of municipal police authorities all through Canada, is prepared strictly to enforce the regulations.

"People who have more sugar or flour than is permitted under the regulations have only a short time left in which to dispose of their excess holdings, before they become liable to seizure and forfeiture," said Henry B. Thompson, chairman of the board.

TESTING WOODEN SOLES FOR AMERICAN ARMY BOOTS

Brockton, Mass., May 4—Experiments with wooden soles as a substitute for leather in army shoes has been ordered by the government. An order for 1,000 soles to be made with both maple and poplar wood has been placed with a firm in this city. The manufacturers say that a saving of nearly \$2 a pair can be made if the sole is found to answer requirements.

AN INDICATION OF THE GREAT GERMAN LOSSES

Amsterdam, May 4—Two hundred and sixty-five trains full of wounded soldiers returning to Germany from the battlefields in Picardy and Flanders, says the newspaper Le Nieuw, of The Hague, were counted in the day time on April 9, April 11 and April 12, on the Namur-Liege railway. The transports were so crowded that the Germans were even using open cars to carry the wounded.

Hospitals, convalescent camps and factories in Belgium, the paper adds, are all packed with wounded.

VERDUN LIKE CHILD'S PLAY

French Veterans Speak Of Fight For Kemmel Hill

GOD SHELLS A MINUTE

Fifty Deluges of Gas Also On Day of German Attack But It Brought Only Twelve Casualties—German Losses in Some Instances Forty Per Cent.

With the British Army in France, May 3—(By the Associated Press)—"Veterans of the defense of Verdun predominated among the French soldiers who so gallantly defended Kemmel Hill against the Germans. Many of them had fought at Verdun and they knew what heavy fighting was, but declare that Verdun was child's play compared to the conflict in Flanders recently."

The bombardment at Verdun had set a high-water mark for concentration of guns of all calibers, but, say those who went through it, it was nothing compared to what the French troops experienced during the German drive against Kemmel. The French troops took up positions about Kemmel on April 22, repelling the battle-weary British. Throughout April 23 and 24, before the attack, the Germans maintained a tremendous bombardment and threw hundreds of thousands of gas shells mixed with ordinary explosive shells.

On the morning of the attack on Kemmel, the German gunners placed ten big shells a second on the crest of the hill and during the day the French put on their gas masks fifty different times, as fast as the wind cleared the gas away from the hill. The gas was poured over the hill. Part of the time the Poles had to sleep in their gas masks. It was impossible for the gas to be blown away from the crest of the hill. A large part of the fighting was with machine guns, which the Germans always had great numbers.

The French artillery and machine gunners, however, in their turn, repaid a great harvest from the enemy. At times the French 75's got into the German lines, and their vapor poured over the hill. Part of the time the Poles had to sleep in their gas masks. It was impossible for the gas to be blown away from the crest of the hill. A large part of the fighting was with machine guns, which the Germans always had great numbers.

The work of French runners with messages was noteworthy. They refused to be taken prisoner. It was impossible for the rationing of one famous regiment which fought at Verdun was a great feat. It had always been noted for its fine rations, and the commander decided that nothing should deprive the men of the rationing of one famous regiment which fought at Verdun was a great feat. It had always been noted for its fine rations, and the commander decided that nothing should deprive the men of the rationing of one famous regiment which fought at Verdun was a great feat.

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MORE THAN MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS OVER; CASUALTIES ARE NEARLY 4,000

Toronto, May 4—George Martin of New York, a member of the Crowell Publishing Company, who was in Toronto last night, said there must be something like 1,200,000 American soldiers in France. "Do you know," he asked, "that our casualties to date approximate almost 4,000?"

AMERICAN LABOR MEN NOW IN FRANCE; FOUND A DETERMINED ENGLAND

Paris, May 4—The American labor delegation which has been visiting England arrived at Paris late last evening and was welcomed by Minister of Labor Collard, on behalf of the French government.

M. Collard told the Americans they would find the entire French nation at work in the fields, laboratories and factories. They would also see the spectacle, which no one is adequate to qualify, of those who fought under the united flag of the peoples who wished to live in freedom.

Messrs. Wilson and Barry of the delegation declared they were delighted with their stay in England. They said they had expected to find a people weary of war after four years of struggle, but on the contrary had found the leaders and rank and file of British workmen as fully determined to pursue the way to a successful conclusion as the American people.

MEN OF 25 IN THE FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND CALL

St. John's, Nfld., May 4—A joint committee of both houses of the Newfoundland legislature yesterday enlarged the first class recruits under the proposed conscription bill so as to include men between nineteen and twenty-five years of age, instead of nineteen to twenty-four, as previously.



FLORISHING THE SABRE AGAIN.

OUT TO DEFEAT HOME RULE BILL

Opposition In Ulster Stiffening

UNIONIST ALLIANCE MEETS

London Daily Mail Says There Is Reason To Believe Basis For Adjustment Has Been Found—Tomorrow To See The Greatest Peace Assembly Since Land League Day

London, May 4—At a meeting of the Irish Unionist Alliance in Dublin yesterday there was discussed a resolution to the effect that, while the alliance was confident of the honorable intentions of the delegates to the recent Irish convention, it differed totally with the findings of the convention and adhered to the fundamental principles of the alliance, namely, the maintenance of the union between Great Britain and Ireland and opposition to home rule.

An amendment was moved to the effect that while the meeting approved the attitude of the Unionist delegates to the convention and condemning the "unprecedented and unconstitutional action" of Sir Horace Plunkett, the convention's decision was passed cordially supporting the steps taken by Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, "since the prelude crisis arose."

These meetings were the outward signs of a general stiffening of the nationalists against home rule since the alliance between the Nationalists and the Sinn Feiners against conscription was effective. The Belfast correspondent of the Morning Post describes the meeting of the Ulster council as "the first step of loyal Ulster's new campaign to defeat the home rule conspiracy."

The meeting, he says, was called by Sir Edward Carson in view of the war cabinet's failing to keep its pledge to Ulster, and he added: "Ulster stands today where it did four years ago in unwavering opposition to home rule. As a matter of fact, the opposition is now stronger than ever because of the terrible Sinn Fein menace, while the action of the Catholic bishops at Mayo and Wick all the Unionists into one solid phalanx."

The latest report with reference to the passage of the home rule bill is a statement by the Daily Mail that immediately upon returning after the meeting of the supreme war council in France, Premier Lloyd George conferred at length with the committee which is drafting the bill, with the result, it says, that there is reason to believe a basis for the adjustment of the clauses dealing with Ulster and with the customs and finance has been found, and it is now hoped the bill will be presented to parliament before Whitehall (May 15).

With reference to the conflict between the Nationalists and the Sinn Feiners in East Cavan, where the latter have nominated Arthur Griffiths, vice-president of the Sinn Fein organization, to the vacant parliamentary seat against Mr. O'Hanlon, Nationalist, the anomalous development that John Dillon, Nationalist leader, and Professor de Valera, head of the Sinn Feiners, are to speak from the same platform on conscription at Ballaghaderreen on Sunday. It is predicted that this will be the greatest gathering of the Irish peasant since the early days of the Land League.

With reference to the various reports regarding the viceregency, the Times says it understands Viscount Middleton has declined to take a part in the new Irish government.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Several minor depressions exist on the continent while a persistent cool wave covers the country to the northward of the Great Lakes. Fair weather prevails generally with summer conditions in the west.

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Calling Out Youths of 19

Must Register Before June 1, But Not Join Till July—Farmers' Leave Of Absence Must Expire By June 1

Ottawa, May 4—Men of nineteen years of age are called upon to register for military service. A proclamation to this effect will be issued soon and, it is understood, will provide that the men must register before June 1.

None of them will, however, be actually called to the colors before July. The proclamation will apply to unmarried men and widowers without children.

In order to correct a wrong impression with regard to a statement of the minister of militia at a conference with the farmers yesterday, the department of militia and defence wishes it understood that all leave of absence granted to farmers in order that they may finish seeding operations must expire before June 1. Farmers registering for service will be given two weeks, if they so desire to return to their farms and finish putting in the crop. They can choose their own time, so long as it does not extend beyond the first of next month.

COURTENAY BAY PROSPECTS GOOD, SAYS COMMISSIONER WIGMORE, HOME TODAY FROM OTTAWA

"The prospects for steel shipbuilding at Courtenay Bay are looking good," said R. W. Wigmore, M. P., who returned today from Ottawa. "It will be necessary for the company to show the government that they will be in a position to carry out not only the shipbuilding work which they propose to undertake but also to carry out the provisions of the Courtenay Bay contract before they can do business. Once they can satisfy the government on these matters there will be no difficulty about their getting contracts for vessels and there is reason to believe that they will be able to meet the requirements and get to work."

Regarding the harbor commission plan, Mr. Wigmore said that still in consideration by the government but he will not be able to present any definite proposals to the city council until he is optimistic regarding the outcome of the negotiations.

Mr. Wigmore is here to transfer his office of commissioner of water and sewerage to his successor and will return to Ottawa on Monday evening.

GIVES UP FATHER'S PROPERTY, \$40,000,000

Elder Ehret in Berlin, Son in New York Takes Action

Washington, May 4—George Ehret Jr., of New York city, upon learning from the state department that his father, George Ehret had been living in Berlin since the declaration of war, has reported all of his father's property to the alien property custodian as of enemy character, the department of justice would entertain jurisdiction of any claims which he might make to have his property returned to him.

REVENTLOW IS A POOR LOSER

Amsterdam, May 4—Count Reventlow, delegate to the recent Irish convention, in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, complains that the German press recently went so far as to admit that the British sometimes are chivalrous to an enemy. This he considers a disgrace.

The count is incensed particularly because the German papers expressed astonishment at the readiness of the famous German airman, Captain Baron Von Richthofen, was buried by the British, and says: "We cannot accept these so-called honors as sincere. It is all an advertisement. Our enemies forget to tell us what enormous sums they received for bringing down Richthofen. All members of the flying corps who buried our hero are nothing but war profiteers."

CHEERING WORD OF CONDITION OF PTE. WILLIAM PRIDDLE

Mrs. William Priddle, 50 Somerset street, has received a letter from Donatley, telling of the condition of her husband, Private William Priddle, a member of a local army battery, who was recently taken ill in France. The letter follows:—

"My dear mother, you would be worried over your husband I would like to assure you that he is doing nicely and should soon be quite well again. He will probably be better than he has been for some time. The operation was a great success. He stood the operation splendidly and up until now has made a very satisfactory recovery. He should be able to return to England in about two weeks and I hope he will be able to return to Canada. There is no need for worry. I hope the war will soon be over, that we might all return to Canada."

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IN GERMANY GLOOMY

Zurich, Switzerland, May 4—(By Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—A gloomy picture of Germany's finances is drawn by the industrial union of Saxony, one of the greatest industrial organizations in Germany in a manifesto supporting the demand for war indemnities. The manifesto says the war has cost Germany 4,800,000,000 marks to the peace expenditure of 4,800,000,000 marks.

DEFINITELY REPORT DEATH OF KORNILOFF

Pekin, April 27—(By the Associated Press)—Harbin newspapers say it has been definitely reported that General Korniloff, former Russian commander-in-chief, who has been one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviks, is dead. They also report that the Bolsheviks have recaptured Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks.

SENDING LAST RESERVES IN ALSACE-LOTTORNE TO FRONT

Geneva, May 4—(By the Associated Press)—The German military authorities are sending direct to the front line all youths from the reserve depot in Alsace-Lorraine, according to an Alsatian chemist who has just arrived here from Mulhausen. He already has lost four sons.