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War News

Germany still refrain from renewing offensive.
German destroyer is torpedoed and another is severely damaged.
Much sickness, including trench feet, breaks out in enemy army.

HINDU PLOTTER SHOT IN COURT

Assassin, a Fellow Prisoner, Was Then Killed by United States Marshal.

ALL FLED TO COVER

Ram Chandra, the Victim, Was Widely Known in America.

San Francisco, Calif., April 23.—A sensational climax to the prolonged trial of thirty-two persons charged with conspiring to foment revolution in India was furnished today when Ram Chandra, Hindu publicist and revolutionist, was shot to death in federal district court by Ram Singh, a former employe and fellow-defendant.

BRITISH NAVY BEGINS BOTTLING UP SUBS.

Active Sea Campaign of Allies Opens Against German Submarine Bases.

BIG RESULTS EXPECTED

Mining of Enemy Coasts Will Probably Come After Armistice Descents at Ports.

Washington, April 23.—American naval officers await eagerly the full story of the successful French-British naval blow against the German destroyer and U-boat bases on the Belgian coast. The impression prevails here, supported by certain facts regarding American naval preparations that a carefully planned naval offensive against the U-boats has begun which is to be pressed vigorously until the underwater raiders are bottled up or checked to such an extent that their operations will no longer be a serious factor.

Object Was to Destroy Sub Bases at One Blow

Bruges Canal at Zeebrugge is Blocked, But Channel at Ostend May Not Be Fully Choked by Sunken Warships.

The British have not permitted the halt in the fighting along the western battle front to keep them inactive. With their lands men on the alert, watching keenly and waiting for the next move of the German infantry in France and Belgium, British naval forces, reinforced to some extent by French warcraft, have carried out a startling and daring manoeuvre, which, if it should prove to have been successful, may play a marked part in the future of the war.

Toronto

Seventeen tons of food are destroyed at civic incinerator.

H. A. Jarvis resigns the presidency of the Parkdale branch, G.W.V.A.

Mayor hears that landlords refuse to rent houses to soldiers' families.

Toronto Baptist Sunday School Association holds its annual meeting.

Ald. Nesbitt is mentioned as chairman of the new civic legislation committee.

The mobilization centre had 106 British-born recruits from the United States yesterday.

The Anglican Young People's Association gave a reception to Rev. E. Appleby, M. C.

Thirty-seven more men are put into uniform thru the activities of the Dominion police.

Controller McBride promises further charges against Dr. Hastings at Thursday's board of control meeting.

Four military exemption tribunals will open in Toronto on May 1 and will be presided over by the county judges.

The warehouse of the official wine and spirit agent is broken into and some whiskey stolen therefrom.

Only married men of the original firsts now on furlough in a category lower than B2 will be permitted to remain in Canada.

The coroner's jury enquiring into the death of Yasil George lays the blame thereon on Georgiif Christoff, now held as a material witness.

The reception and demonstration for furlough men at Exhibition Park may be called off, as some of the men have been ordered to return.

Further returns of the voting on the question of Methodist itinerancy show a majority of over two to one in favor of the present system.

DAY PASSES QUIETLY ALONG FRENCH FRONT

Paris, April 23.—Aside from heavy artillery duels near Hangard-en-Santerre and west of Novon, Tuesday passed quietly along the French front, according to the French official communication issued tonight. There were no infantry engagements.

ALLIES HAVE GAINED MORE MEN THAN LOST

German Offensive Has Rallied Them, Says Winston Churchill.

GREAT MORAL EFFECT

No Material Advantage Gained for All the Immense Losses He Has Suffered.

London, April 23.—More than one million soldiers, in addition to those who would otherwise be in the field against Germany, have been gained by the allies in consequence of the German offensive, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, said today in an address to the American labor delegation which is visiting England.

ONLY MARRIED MEN IN "B" AFFECTED

Ruling From Ottawa on Extension of Leave to First Contingent Soldiers is Announced.

Ottawa's decision regarding the 1st Contingent furlough men is that men in a medical category lower than B2 will be retained in Canada, but this only applies to the married men. All the others will have to return overseas at the expiration of the leave.

MANY BULGAR ATTACKS BROKEN UP BY ALLIES

Paris, April 23.—An official statement says: "Eastern theatre, April 22: Infantry and artillery activity was displayed along the whole front. On the west bank of the Vardar one of our detachments carried out a raid on an enemy work the greater part of the occupants being killed. In the region of Vretnik three attempts by the Bulgarians to recapture a fortified work taken the day before by the Serbian troops were broken. Against the lakes an enemy attack against our positions west of Presba was arrested by our artillery."

LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Washington, April 23.—Latest tabulations show \$1,557,576,800 subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, or 55 per cent. of the three-billion-dollar minimum quota.

ONE MEATLESS WEEK MONTHLY IN FRANCE

Government Will Attempt to Stop Excessive Drafts on Country's Live Stock.

Paris, April 23.—Victor Boret, the French food minister, considering the declaring of a meatless week each month in order to stop excessive drafts on France's live stock and to check continually rising prices. Those who oppose a measure of state control of cattle meat point out that the price of beef is only 184 per cent. higher than the average during the three years before the war, and that mutton has increased 159 per cent. and pork only 193 per cent., while the prices of vegetables, which are sold at a minimum fixed by decree, have increased from 330 per cent. to 393 per cent. over pre-war prices.

BRITISH SHOOT DOWN THIRTEEN AIRPLANES

London, April 23.—Our bombing machines were very active Monday, says the official statement issued tonight on aerial operations. They dropped 19 tons of bombs on numerous targets, including the Thpont railway station, the Engel ammunition dump, and Warneton, Arras, and Roulers. In the air fight seven machines were brought down out of control or shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft fire. Two hostile balloons were destroyed. Three of our machines are missing.

TURKS NEAR KARS.

Mohammedans Proceed With Advances in Armenia, Encountering Opposition.

London, April 23.—A Turkish official communication issued April 22 and received here today says: "We are fighting our way to Kars (in the Caucasus) and have occupied Oragdi thirty kilometers northeast of Batum."

Sir Eric Geddes Gives Details of Gallant, Hazardous Task.

CASUALTIES ARE HEAVY

Great Competition When Volunteers Were Asked for Undertaking.

London, April 23.—Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in supplementing the admiralty report on last night's raid against Zeebrugge and Ostend, said in giving the house of commons such information as had come to hand of "this extremely gallant and hazardous raid":

"I ask the members to appreciate that most of the officers and men from whom we have not yet got full information have been fighting the greater part of the night, and that some of them are not yet in."

"The raid was undertaken under the command of Vice-Admiral Roger Keyes, commanding at Dover, French destroyers co-operated with the British forces. Six obsolete cruisers, all from 20 to 30 years old, took part in the attack.

"They were the Brilliant, Slysus, Iphigonia, Intrepid, Thetis and Valdivia.

"The first five of these were fitted with concrete and were to sink two ports, if this could possibly be managed.

"Had Flams-Throws."

"The Vindictive, working with two ferry boats, carried storming and demolition parties to storm the head of the Mole which runs out from Zeebrugge. The Vindictive was specially fitted for landing storming parties and was armed specially for the purpose with flame-throwers, Stokes mortars and that sort of thing.

"The men employed on the block ships and in the storming and demolition parties on the Vindictive were bluejackets and marines picked from a large number of volunteers from the grand fleet and naval and marine depots. There was great competition for the undertaking, and we could only use a very small proportion of those who volunteered.

"There were light covering forces belonging to the Dover command and Harwich forces under Admiral Tyley, which covering the operation in the north. A force of monitors, together with a large number of very small motor-boats took part in the operation, which was particularly intricate and had to be worked to a time-table and involved delicate navigation in a hostile coast without lights and under unknown navigational conditions developed since the war, with the added fear of mine fields.

"I should like to mention the officer who developed the operation was killed.

"The high development of scientific use of fog or smoke was one of the essentials to success. It was more fog than smoke which, combined with the wind, was essential to the success of the operation, so as to protect the operations from batteries which might have flanked it.

"The plan was, after an intense bombardment of Zeebrugge, to sink the monitors, the Vindictive, with auxiliary boats, was to run alongside the Mole and attack it with gunfire as they approached. Storming parties were to be landed. Mearns three block ships, assisted by motor boats, were to make for the entrance of the canal, run aground, and be blown up. Two old and valueless submarines, filled with explosives, were to run against the pile work connecting the mole, in order to cut off the Mole from the shore.

"The hostile artillery developed considerable activity early in the morning with gas shells in the Villers-Bretonneux sector.

"The results thus far are known to be two blockships were run ashore and blown up at Ostend. It is too early to say definitely whether they accomplished their object, but so far as the officers could see in the darkness they were slightly off the course. At Zeebrugge two of three blockships reported their objective, being sunk or blown up at the entrance of the canal. The third grounded while passing in.

"A certain amount of damage, the extent at present unknown, was done by gunfire and torpedo attack on an enemy destroyer and other craft lying at the Mole. Coastal motor boats reported having torpedoed an enemy destroyer which was trying to escape seaward. One of the two old submarines gained its objective and destroyed the piling approach to the Mole.

"Storming parties from the Vindictive and the ferry boats attacked under an extremely heavy fire and fought with the greatest gallantry, maintaining their position alongside the Mole for an hour and a half. It is believed, notwithstanding the enemy's inflicting considerable losses. The objectives for the storming and demolition parties on the Mole were the