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KITCHENER'S ARMY MAY BE SENT TO ALSACE TO FLANK THE GERMANS

War Secretary Has Been In France Confering With French and Joffre

Latter's Troops Gain Vosges Crests and Are Operating Along Three Rivers in Alsace—Allies' Main Chance Said to Lie There

Paris, April 21.—With important Vosges crests in their possession, the French are now operating along three rivers of Alsace in their efforts to flank the German left wing...

It is in Alsace that the French have their only opportunity to flank the German armies. Frontal attacks in the Vosges, in Champagne, in the Argonne and in Flanders, have established the fact that the German lines there can be pierced only by the sacrifice of enormous numbers of men.

While it is impossible to state definitely the disposition that is to be made of Kitchener's army when it is finally assembled on French soil the belief is growing here that a large part of the British troops will be used on the Alsatian front.

It is known that this phase of operations, has been thoroughly discussed by Lord Kitchener and General Joffre. The British war minister has made another of his recent visits to France. He visited Field Marshal French at British headquarters, and then motored by night, to the town where General Joffre and his staff are located. Lord Kitchener returned to England immediately after a conference with Joffre.

Report. April 21.—The French War Office reports: "A canonade of some violence took place in the region of Arras yesterday."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, between the Meuse and the Moselle and in the wood of Montmorency, close to the Frickey-Essey highroad, not only did our attacks make some slight progress, but two German counter attacks on the line of trenches which we had successfully won on April 20, were successfully repulsed."

"Belgian aviators have bombarded the aqueduct at Bruges, and the aviation ground at Lissergh."

British Gains Important. Hazebrouck, France, April 21.—Enthusiasm is given to the importance of the success gained by British troops near Ypres by details received here. The captured positions possess considerable strategic importance and had been defended by the Germans with desperate gallantry for weeks. Some German prisoners who passed through here after the engagement, expressed little regret at having to leave the field for they said they had been in the trenches all winter.

HEAVY FIGHTING IS YET TO COME. London, April 21.—Arthur Hamilton Lee, M.P., who was British military attaché with the United States army during the Spanish-American war, is serving as a colonel on the continent. In a letter from the British headquarters in France, he says: "The allies have it in their power to win, but this does not mean that victory is close at hand, or that the hardest fighting and the heaviest losses are not yet to come."

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER STEAMERS. Genoa, April 21.—Some American liners have been seriously inconvenienced because steamers, including the Italian liner Amerigo, on board which they had engaged passage, has suddenly suspended their sailings for New York, being taken over by the Italian government.

GERMANS ARE LOSING GRIP. London, April 21.—A correspondent of the Times in eastern France, summing up the fighting about the St. Mihiel wedge, says: "The net result of the autumn and winter campaign is that the Germans have lost their initial advantage of attack, and their line is now being besieged by the French."

The correspondent emphasizes the importance of the capture of Les Eparges in the teeth of the German Crown Prince and notes that the French "are steadily pushing forward" (Continued on page 4, third column).

PHILIZ and Phaedrus WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A depression is situated over Saskatchewan, while pressure is decidedly high over the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence valley. Showers have been more or less general in the western provinces, but as a rule they have been light.

Fine and Cool. Maritime—Moderate to fresh north to west winds, fine and comparatively cool today and on Thursday.

New England forecasts—Fair tonight and Thursday, continued cool tonight, rising temperature Thursday, fresh north winds.

French Airmen Sail Over Rhine; Drop Bombs

London, April 21.—"Two French aerial squadrons attacked railway positions along the Rhine on Monday," says the Daily Telegraph's Zurich correspondent, "bombarding successfully the Mullheim and Habsheim stations. The immense forage stores at Mannheim were set on fire and the buildings and contents were completely destroyed."

May Close City Bars at Noon Or One O'Clock on Saturdays

Important Legislation Yet to Come and Provincial House May Not Get Through This Week—No St. John Plebiscite This Year—The Highway Act

Fredericton, N. B., April 21.—From the present outlook it is very doubtful if the business of the legislature will be completed this week. There are a large number of government measures that are not advanced beyond the initial stage and there are still more to come. One hundred public and private bills have only been introduced during this session, which is now upon its seventh week, one of the longest on record in the history of New Brunswick.

The liquor license act is a very lengthy measure consolidating all the acts with several important amendments introduced, practically the whole time of the session would be taken up with its consideration and only one-third of the sections of the bill passed. Some of the sections to be prepared are quite far-reaching and include a shortening of the hours. The Saturday closing house bill, it is said, is made twelve or one o'clock and the hour of evening closing may also be advanced considerably.

The regulation regarding the distribution of liquor from breweries and wholesale houses are to be changed and the penalties for violation are very severe indeed.

There is so much protest regarding the register of public works that the minister of public works may make to him suitable compensation for any such injury.

FINAL WORD FROM ITALY AT ANY TIME. Rome, April 21.—Events are moving swiftly and decisively in Italy may be expected at any moment. Minister of war, Zupelli, last night conferred with King Victor Emmanuel for several hours. Upon leaving the palace he hastened to the ministry of war and thence to the headquarters of the 8th Mounted Rifles where he remained most of the night.

A special cabinet meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon.

CHINA AND JAPAN. Tokyo, April 21.—The crisis which has arisen in the negotiations with China has been called for Thursday afternoon.

The semi-official press expresses the belief that Japan has brought the unsettled clauses of her demands down to the irreducible minimum. The interest in the situation in Peking is increasing.

Dardanelles Likely Scene Of Spirited Action Soon

British and French Reported Landing Troops—Turks Say Attempt Made by Torpedo Boats to Dash Through

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, April 21.—The Tages Zeitung today publishes a special despatch, the origin of which is not given, saying that 20,000 British and French troops have landed near Enos in European Turkey on the north side of the Gulf of Saros. A heavy cannonading took place between the Turkish batteries around Enos and the warships of the allies.

A despatch received in Berlin from Athens, says great activity has been noted among the British forces on the island of Lemnos, which lies to the west of the entrance to the Dardanelles. Troop transports are arriving daily at Lemnos from Alexandria, Egypt; the consignment is more rapid, and all indications point to strong action against the Dardanelles at an early date.

A despatch received in London yesterday from Dedeagatch, Bulgaria, a short distance to the west of Enos, said a violent cannonading occurred on the Gulf of Saros on Sunday evening. The firing was so heavy that buildings at Dedeagatch were shaken.

ATTEMPT TO RUN STRAITS. Constantinople, April 20 (via wireless to Berlin and London, April 21).—An official statement issued today by the War Office says: "It is now known definitely that six torpedo boats attempted to penetrate the Dardanelles on Monday night." There has been no previous announcement of a concerted effort on Monday night by vessels of the allied fleet to run the straits and the despatch fails to disclose what the result of the attempt was.

Inhuman Germans Beat Wounded British to Death

Stories of Soldiers Are Confirmed by Extract From Diary of One of the Kaiser's Officers

London, April 21.—That German soldiers in a rage beat British wounded to death is the charge made in a narrative by the official eye-witness with the British troops, dated April 16, and given out by the press bureau today. "In view of false accusations in enemy newspapers regarding the conduct of the British at Neuve Chapelle," the narrative says, "the following extract from the diary of a German officer dated December 19, 1914 is interesting: 'The sight of the trenches and the fury, not to say the brutality of our men in beating to death wounded British, affected me so much that for the rest of the day I was fit for nothing.'"

"The writer of this," the British official observer continues, "was in the 13th Regiment, 13th division of the 7th German army corps. His testimony is borne out by the evidence of our men on numerous occasions, notably at Neuve Chapelle, where several of our wounded were temporarily left behind and subsequently were found bayoneted or with their brains blown out."

GERMANS THROW LETTERS INTO BRITISH TRENCHES; THEY WANT PEACE

London, April 21.—The Times this morning publishes translations of two letters which were tied around stones and thrown into the trenches of the second British Corps on the night of April 12 and 13, by Germans. One letter reads: "Dear Honored Comrades: 'As this war has now been going on for about nine months, and whole villages with their inhabitants have been devastated, it is now high time to put a stop to it. 'We are all tired of this savage life, and you must be, too. 'Our dear wives and children await and long for our return, and yours must do the same. 'Hoping that we may do some good by this, we remain, with friendly greetings, 'THE GERMAN SAPPING PARTY.'"

The other letter reads: "Dear French and English Comrades: 'It is just about time you stopped all this, for we think you will soon have had enough of your war. Our losses are great, and yours must be three times as big. 'Every day it gets fiercer, and it would be better if we could be at home with our wives and children, who are waiting every day for us, as yours are waiting for you. 'Let us have peace on earth before the cherry blossoms come out, but the sooner the better. Or do you want to go on sitting forever in these trenches? With friendly greetings, 'THE GERMANS.'"

Disruption Expected to Follow Cabinet Meeting Today. Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—Announcement of an election in June is expected. The appointment of a commission to investigate the Manitoba scandal charges is said to have brought the government to a decision. The cabinet will meet today and the dissolution of parliament is expected to result from it.

SAY IRISH FARMERS ARE NOT ENLISTING FOR WAR. Dublin, April 10.—(Correspondence).—The total number of recruits from the three southern provinces of Ireland have up to the end of March, amounted to only 50,000 men, and of these nearly half came from Dublin, Cork and the other large towns.

Recruiting has scarcely touched the agricultural districts. The farmers admit frankly they are making large profits out of the war and they and their sons do not enlist. In the cities, the recruits are drawn mostly from the laboring class. It is said that a spurious notion of social prestige prevents the shop salesman from going into the ranks.

NEW BIG BRITISHER OFF PORT OF NEW YORK. New York, April 21.—The British squadron off New York was strengthened by the arrival of a powerful cruiser. Within three hours of its arrival it held up a big steamer of the New Jersey coast opposite Astor Park.

BRITISH TURF. Epsom, April 21.—J. B. Joel's Black Jester today won the City and suburban handicap valued at \$10,000. Lord D'Aberno's Diadem was second and Dan Russell third. The betting against Black Jester was 11 to 4, against Diadem 100 to 7, and against Dan Russell 100 to 1.

NOT MISSING. Edward O'Brien is not the victim of the recent tragedy in the falls, according to information received today by the Times. About a week ago Mr. O'Brien, who resides in Pond street, was misled by acquaintances and a rumor became current that something must have happened to him. Enquiries failed to locate him and some thought he might have been the unfortunate man supposed to have been swept to death in the whirlpools in the falls. Recently he obtained employment in the city and has since been so engaged.

Berlin resorts a reduction in the price of bread.

ZEPPELIN WORK NOT DESTRUCTIVE ENOUGH TO PLEASE THE KAISER

Orders Larger Airships Built and They Will Carry More Powerful Bombs

Geneva, via Paris, April 21.—German and Swiss newspapers published today news around Lake Constance, where the Zeppelin works are situated, say that Emperor William seems displeased at the results obtained by Zeppelin dirigibles in recent raids, and has ordered much larger dirigibles constructed. Two of the new airships, the newspapers assert, are to be finished each month. Formerly one airship was built every three weeks.

The new Zeppelins will cost more than \$600,000 each. The bombs they will carry will be double the size of those now in use.

ARTILLERYMEN FIGHT FIRE IN WINNIPEG

Stables and Horses Burned—Exhibition Buildings Escape

Winnipeg, Man., April 21.—Officers and men of the Fifth Artillery Brigade, quartered at the exhibition grounds, turned out at 12:30 this morning to fight a fire raging in the stables where the Zeppelin dirigibles were quartered. The buildings, which were old racing stables, burned furiously, and the fire spread to houses on the south side of Selkirk avenue.

Before it had spread far, however, the artillerymen had rescued the horses, and it is not believed any were lost. In Selkirk avenue the fire took six houses, though the people were soon rescued. The blaze started in the artillerymen's blacksmith shop from some cause, as yet unknown. As the stables are on the far side of the track from the fair buildings, the latter were untouched.

THE POLICE MAGISTRACY

Considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement made last week in the Times to the effect that a bill has been prepared for the legislature to provide for the superannuation of Police Magistrate Ritchie. While the appointment of the police magistrate is in the hands of the provincial government, his salary is paid by the city and under the circumstances it would be expected that the city would be consulted before any change was made.

So far no steps have been taken to secure the approval of the common council, either as a body or, so far as is known, as individual members, and members of the council say that they have not even seen the bill which is known to have been prepared.

The matter is of more importance than a change might ordinarily be, on account of the fact that it would involve the extra expense of the superannuation allowance. It would be a somewhat interesting precedent to establish if the government were to order the payment of the allowance, and it would be even more startling if the government proposed to saddle the city with this expense without consulting the city authorities.

It is rumored that the bill is to be pressed through the legislature this week, and in the meantime there are many citizens who would be interested in the details of the scheme before it becomes law.

LOOKED INTO TAKING OF THE SOLDIER VOTE

W. L. Griffiths Back to London From Front

Secretary of High Commissioner's Office Also Was in Auto Collision—Seeking Out Graves of Canadians

Montreal, April 21.—A London cable to the Gazette says: "W. L. Griffiths, secretary to the Canadian High Commissioner's office, has returned to London after a visit to the front. He spent two days in the trenches only forty yards from the enemy, and in taking a look through a periscope brought firing on himself from German rifles."

In motoring along a road in France where the traffic was heavy Mr. Griffiths' auto collided with a car carrying a brigadier-general. The auto carrying the officer was on its maiden trip. It caught fire from blasting petrol after the collision. It was destroyed, but the occupants of each car escaped injury.

Mr. Griffiths saw both Imperial and Canadian troops in the trenches, and says that the men from Canada are fit and ready for anything that may turn up. An official report of his trip will be sent to Ottawa for publication in the Canadian press.

Although he declined to admit it, Mr. Griffiths, while at the front made preliminary inquiries in regard to arrangements for taking the vote of the Canadian soldiers if a general election takes place.

Mr. Max Aitken still is indisposed and his recovery is being watched by the "eye-witness" for the Canadian division.

Mrs. Long wife of Captain Long formerly of the Rideau Hall staff, is head of a committee of the British Red Cross, and is reported to be in London stating that the committee has already found graves of several Canadians. A record is being compiled for the Canadian Red Cross.

ST. MARY'S HAS A SERIOUS FIRE

Several Buildings Burned and Two Cattle Cremated—Soldiers, Help Under St. John Officer, Help Fight It

Fredericton, N. B., April 21.—Fire at lower St. Mary's this morning destroyed three dwelling houses, two barns and two outbuildings, besides damaging the school house and several dwellings. The loss will be at least \$10,000 and the insurance will not exceed \$5,000.

The fire was first seen at eight o'clock on the roof of James Dunbar's residence. It spread rapidly from the roof to adjacent buildings. Mr. Dunbar's house was high in flames, but he managed to save part of his property. An unoccupied house, owned by George Foss, was next to go and from this the flames spread to Henry Close's dwelling which also was destroyed. The school house caught on the roof, but men who had arrived by this time were able to extinguish the flames. They also saved houses occupied by George Foss and George Smith. Some dry grass near the school house took fire and the flames, after sweeping fifty rods, destroyed two barns and outbuildings on the farm of John Peppers. Two head of cattle were cremated and he also lost 100 bushels of oats, five tons of hay and some wood. He has 400 insurance in the North British Mercantile.

This is Mr. Dunbar's second fire within a year, he having been burned out in July last. He has \$500 insurance. On the Close house there is \$1,800 insurance. The Foss vacant house destroyed was not insured.

The fire could be seen here and Colonel Harrison sent twenty-five men of the ammunition column under Lieutenants McLeod and Vassie. They covered the three mile march in quick time and assisted in saving property.

SIR EDWARD GREY BACK TO LONDON

Toronto, April 20.—A Mail and Empire cable says Sir Edward Grey appeared on the ministerial benches of the House of Commons today for the first time since Easter recess, and his appearance set at rest the German rumour that he has been at various places on the continent on every variety of diplomatic mission.

He has been fishing salmon on his vacation.

The export of rubber from Germany is forbidden. A Dutch firm which recently ordered two motor cars from Germany, found the wheels supplied with wooden tires.