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## TERRIFIC GERMAN ASSAULTS NEAR CUMIERES REPULSED

### Fighting for Craters at St. Eloi Will Continue—German Prisoners Are Mostly Boys—German Infantry Cease Attacks on East Bank of the Meuse—Heavy Foe Losses Yesterday in Attacks Between Douaumont and Vaux—Artillery Active

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### CANADIANS TAKE GERMAN PRISONERS IN ST. ELOI FIGHTING.

LONDON, April 12.—Reports from the British front indicate that fighting for craters near St. Eloi may continue for some time. The Canadian are taking a considerable part. Eighty-five prisoners taken by them are mostly young boys.

The Canadians are flanked on both sides by two of the strongest English divisions.

### TERRIFIC ASSAULTS OF GERMANS FROM DEAD MAN'S HILL REPULSED TODAY.

PARIS, April 12.—War office reports early this morning Germans launched terrific assaults on French positions from Dead Man's Hill southward to Cumieres which were repulsed.

On the east bank of the Meuse German infantry have ceased their attacks.

The War Office confirms statements that the Germans lost heavily yesterday in attacks against the French lines between Douaumont and Vaux.

### HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING AT GIEVEGILL.

SALONKI, April 12.—Heavy artillery fighting is taking place at Gievegill. An unconfirmed report says the Germans captured the fortified positions of Devetepe in this region.

### BRITISH STEAMER SENATOR SUNK.

LONDON, April 12.—Lloyd's announce that the Senator, a new British steamship of 3,497 tons owned in Whitby has been sunk. It is believed all hands were saved.

### PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS.

MADRID, April 12.—The Portuguese cabinet have resigned, according to Lisbon despatches today. Certain measures proposed by Premier Almeida proved unsatisfactory to his colleagues causing the resignation.

### FRENCH ARTILLERY GAIN ADVANTAGE ON GREEK FRONT.

ATHENS, April 12.—There is a resumption of violent cannonading along the Greek frontier, in the vicinity of Gievegill and Doiran, and reports indicate the French artillery have the advantage. It is also reported that the German allies captured the fortified position at Devetepe but this has not been confirmed.

### PRO-ALLY GREEKS ARRESTED FOR DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY.

ATHENS, April 12.—During a celebration of the anniversary of Greek independence here yesterday, the police arrested a number of persons for crying "Down with the government," "Long live Venizelos," "Down with Austria," "Down with Germany."

### DUPONT POWDER WORKS BLEW UP.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 12.—The plant of the Dupont Powder Co. was destroyed by an explosion this morning. Three men were killed. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

A section of the same company's plant in Philadelphia was damaged yesterday.

### RICHARD HARDING DAVIS DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y., April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent died at his home here last night from heart trouble.

### BERLIN MAKING BOAST OF SUBMARINE FEATS.

BERLIN, via London, April 12.—The growth in Germany's submarine warfare is shown, according to estimates published here, by the fact that 81,000 tons of merchantmen of countries at war with Germany have been destroyed since April 1, as compared with 20,000 for the month of January, 40,000 for February, and 100,000 tons for March.

### TURKS DOUBLE FORCE IN ARMENIAN THEATRE.

PETROGRAD, April 12.—The operations of the Russian Caucasian armies, which are fighting their way to Trebizond, Erzincan and Mesopotamia, have entered upon a new phase, in which Turkish resistance is no longer a negligible factor. By a

careful regrouping of their forces the Turks are now opposing the three main lines of the Russian advance with solid organized resistance, which gives way only after most stubborn fighting.

According to estimates by Russian officers, the Turkish force has at least been doubled by reinforcements from European Turkey, the greater part of which are concentrated near Erzincan, which, despite the importance of Trebizond and the Persian operations, is a region of the greatest value to the Turks, since it stands in the way of the main Caucasian armies, whose ultimate aim is to sweep westward toward Constantinople.

### VILLA'S PURSUIT IS NEARING END FAILURE FEARED.

EL PASO, Texas, April 12.—The pursuit of Francisco Villa probably will be brought to a conclusion within 48 hours, according to information received here today by an American mining concern with large interests at Parral and Torreón.

The messages received stated that the report that Villa was dead was current throughout southern Chihuahua and northern Durango, and while it war far from confirmed, it was expected that definite news would be received within the next few days.

There are only two possibilities which are accepted here as true in the present situation. Either Villa is dead or his pursuit is automatically ended, or he is far to the south in central Durango. If the latter is true, army officers say that the entire plan of campaign of Gen. Pershing must be reorganized or abandoned altogether.

### WHOLE LICENSE BOARD WILL ACT NEXT YEAR.

"I might as well tell the house now that the government intends to retain the license board, with five members, for next year instead of three as provided for in the act," said Hon. T. W. Garry in the legislature last night, in reply to Mr. Rowell's question with regard to the provision for \$15,000 in the further supplementary estimates for enforcing the Ontario Temperance Act, including salaries and expenses of commissioners and salaries of provincial inspectors. He gave no further information on the matter.

### FOES REPULSED ON DOUAMONT TO VAUX FRONT.

LONDON, April 12.—Heavy fighting was transferred today from the western side of the Meuse, where there was only a heavy bombardment of the Mort Homme-Cumieres line, to the eastern side of the river, where the Germans were beaten off in a heavy attack on the French trenches between Douaumont and Vaux this afternoon. This attempt at assault was preceded by a violent artillery preparation, which ended up with an intensive discharge of lacrymose shells. Then the Germans came on and they at first gained a footing in some of the advanced sections of the French lines, but a little later the French counter-attacked and drove the enemy out with the loss of about 100 wounded Germans who were taken prisoner, one being an officer.

Artillery actions in the Woevre were fought in the sectors of Moulainville, Rodvaux, and Chatillon. Northeast of St. Mihiel, French long-range guns shelled a train that was standing north of Haudiourt station. French batteries in the Argonne continue active against the whole German front. North of the Aisne French artillery took under its fire a strong German column that was moving along the Chemin des Dames and severely used it up.

## Smaller Bags For The Duck Hunters

### Important Changes Proposed in the Game and Fisheries Act.

Sportsmen must content themselves with smaller bags when shooting ducks, and must forego entirely for a period at years the pleasure of hunting the whirring partridge, the elusive black and grey squirrels, the quail and Hungarian partridge and the capercaille, if changes proposed in the Game and Fisheries Act become effective. A schedule of proposed changes in the Act, covering waterfowl, upland birds, big game and fur-bearing animals has been compiled by Game Protective Associations and individuals throughout the Province.

It is planned to reduce the season's bag limit for wild ducks from the present 200 to 100, and to establish a daily bag limit of 15. Shooting will be reduced to four days per week, namely, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All wild ducks and feathered game, except such as are bred and reared on private preserves will be prohibited from sale.

Stopping the spring shooting of wild geese and swans is in view. It is hoped to prohibit the shooting of quail and Hungarian partridge, black and grey squirrels, for a period of three years. There will be a closed season on capercaille until Sept. 15, 1920, and on partridge for two years, if the changes become effective.

It is proposed to change the open season for big game in the territory lying north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Mattawa to Manitoba boundary; from the present October 16 to November 15 inclusive, to November 1 to November 15, inclusive. The shooting of muskrats at any time is to be prohibited, as also is the digging or smoking out of foxes. All trappers, excluding farmers trapping on their own farms, are to be licensed for a fee of \$5.

The tendency of the proposed legislation is toward game conservation. The contemplated changes in the Act are meeting the approval of all sports-

men who are thoughtful of the future.

### Shipment by Cheese Board Red Cross Society

The Belleville Cheese Board Red Cross Society are forwarding 12 boxes of supplies to the following hospitals—6 boxes to Dublin Castle Hospital, 3 boxes to Miss Ethel Ridley, Generalist Canadian Hospital, 2 boxes to Nursing Sister O. Ge. Ostromont, Bologno, France, 1 box to the trenches via the Canadian War Contingent Association.

These boxes were made by the following societies and includes many donations.

From the Roslin Women's Institute, Mrs. Wm. Clappadale, Pres.; Miss Annie Fargy, Sec.; 5 army blanket shirts, 18 pairs of socks, 36 pillow slips, 4 suits pyjamas, mouth wipes and bandages.

From the Red Cross Branch, St. Abrams' Church, Ameliseburg; Mrs. F. E. Hall, Pres.; 7 army blanket shirts, 5 hospital shirts, 1 box of dusters and old linen.

From the Women's Inst. of Wellbridge, Mrs. Percy Westover, Pres.; 3 feather pillows, 10 khaki shirts, 31 pairs of socks, 7 suits pyjamas, 6 pillow slips.

From the Pleasantfield Women's Inst. Mrs. Fred Hall, Pres.; Miss Annie Hamilton, Sec.; —32 shirts, 35 pair of pyjamas, 16 pairs of socks, 4 pillow slips.

From Wicklow Women's Inst. Mrs. F. E. Hall, Sec.; —25 khaki blanket shirts.

From Frankford Women's Inst. Mrs. J. Lowery, Sec.; 21 suits of pyjamas.

From the Quinte Inst. Mrs. Garbutt, Pres.; machine rolled bandages.

From Marysville Red Cross Society Mrs. Lily McAlphine, Pres.; Miss Campbell, Sec.; —1 doz pyjamas, 1-2 doz. hospital shirts, 17 pr socks, 3 doz pillow slips, 3 doz towels, 2 doz hospital handkerchiefs.

Donated by School Sect., No. 20, Tharlow, Miss Bailey, teacher six

wash cloths, 3 doz bandages, —two towels.

From Queen Alexandra Red Cross Society, Sidney, Mrs. Angus Lawrence, Pres.;—30 khaki flannel shirts, 16 hospital shirts, 11 helpless shirts, 66 pillow slips, 49 pair socks.

37 feather pillows were donated by the following:—Mrs. M. Ketcheson, Mrs. C. Jeffrey, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Albert Page, Mrs. W. W. Spafford, Mrs. D. C. Hyde, Mrs. P. F. Casey, Mrs. Abel Finkle, Mrs. S. Barker, Mrs. John Sargent, Mrs. M. W. Sine, Mrs. Jas. McPherson, Mrs. Frank Alkens, Mrs. O. W. Fenn, Mrs. Barton Hogle, Mrs. Harley Hubble— one pillow each.

Mrs. S. Ketcheson, ticking for 2 pillows; Mrs. W. W. Kelly, \$1.00; Mrs. Wm. Yelaman, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Frank Hogle, Mrs. Albert Perry, Mrs. Frank Grills, Mrs. Geo. Westover, two pillows each; Mrs. Harry Bonsteel, 3 pillows; Mrs. A. M. Lawrence, 5 pillows. A very generous donation of chocolates was also added to these boxes.—A. McFee, Secy.

2 boxes were also forwarded from "The Forget Me Not Circle" to Dublin Castle Hospital, which were financed by friends of the Circle during the illness of Mrs. S. S. Lazier.

Letters have also been received from Lady Jellicoe acknowledging with many thanks the donations sent to her fund from Belleville and vicinity and saying that as her fund was closed shortly after Christmas the donation was given to the Women's National Service League, of which Lady Jellicoe and Lady French are the Presidents.

## Putting Recruits Out of Action

When local option was defeated in Port Hope—the only "wet" municipality now in Durham county—we said that the responsibility for the deaths, misery and ruin wrought thru the traffic in that town being continued would be on the heads of the citizens who are responsible for the continuance of the licensed bar-room. Since then there has been a terrible toll of life and many sad hearts and homes. Last week adds two more to the list. Pte. Geo. Williams of 180th Batt. was found drowned in a gutter. The Daily Guide says from indications he had been drinking. Another member of the 180th went to his boarding house under the influence of liquor, assaulted his mistress by taking her by the throat and throwing her to the floor badly tearing her clothing in the scuffle. He was sent to jail for two months. We have not seen a soldier drunk in Bowmanville since recruiting began for this war. Local option is effective. Port Hope bars should be closed while the soldiers are there.

Recruiting costs a mint of money, and if the hotels are going to put the recruits out of action at this rate the sooner the Commission closes the bars in that town, the better for the men and the country. Close the bars and save the men. There are sorely needed at the front right now.

### Fires Galore at Tweed

The fire scare which occurred at the residence of Daniel Lindsay on Wednesday of last week was followed by a more serious blaze at the same place the following day, but fortunately, it was gotten under control before damage was wrought beyond repair. A detective chimney was to blame for the origin of the fire in both instances.

On Saturday another alarm was sounded the blaze this time being at S.R. Rollins' bake shop and for a time the situation looked pretty serious. When discovered the Khaki Club rooms situated over the bake shop were in a dense cloud of smoke but the contents were all removed to safety before water was turned on to the building. The exact location of the blaze was difficult to learn. After tearing off some of the outside sheathing the course of the fire was located and water was turned on which soon put out the blaze, but the bake shop was in a terrible condition as a result of the flood. Considerable damage was done to the building by tearing away the sheathing, walls and flooring in an effort to locate the fire.

### Grand Trunk's Remarkable Freight Traffic Record

A carload of freight every twenty-two seconds in the year—that is the remarkable record made by the Grand Trunk Railway System. During 1915, the Grand Trunk handled 1,376,189 carloads of freight, just about three cars every minute during the whole year.

When it is stated that these cars if gathered together would make a train 10,016 miles in length—three times the distance between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans through Canada—some idea may be gained of what this railway is doing in handling the commerce of the Dominion. These figures are exclusive of the large amount of traffic handled by the Grand Trunk Pacific in Western Canada. No single service to which large amounts of capital are devoted can claim to have contributed more than the railways to the upbuilding of the country, carrying produce rapidly and cheaply from the manufacturer to the consumer, facilitating intercommunication between the people and making our modern mail service possible.

### Belleville Boys In England

The 59th Battalion which has landed in England and is now stationed at Grayshort camp, in the Aldershot district contains many Belleville young men. The 59th was stationed in Brockville and other places along the St. Lawrence during the winter and left for overseas on the Empress of Britain.

### Rifle Club Shoot

Last night's scores at the regular shoot of the Belleville Rifle Club were as follows: Possible 100.

G. D. Gratton 99  
A. R. Symes 98  
A. H. Sneyd 96  
A. Harman 95  
J. S. Peck 90  
Average 96.1-6.

### Birth

CORRIGAN—At 155 Church Street Belleville, on Sunday, April 9th, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Corrigan a son.

Police court circles are extremely quiet today. No arrests were made during the night and no court held this morning.

## Presented With Signet Ring

Mr. Miller Carl who some time ago joined the Signal Corps of the 80th Battalion was a few days ago made the recipient of a much appreciated gift by his brethren of Mirzaph Royal Black Precinctory No. 382, Foxboro, of which he has been an active member. The presentation was accompanied by the following address—

Foxboro, March 25, '16

Dear Bro. Sir Knight,—We the members of Mirzaph Royal Black Precinctory, No. 382 have said many good byes to soldier boys within the past year and shall yet we cannot feel satisfied to let you our first and only Sir Knight go without placing ourselves on record in some way.

We are reminded that from the first send-off which was given down to the present one, we have cherished fond hopes that possibly our soldiers might not have to enter into the fearful experiences of modern trench warfare, but that the war might come to a favorable end before they reached the front.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast" and so we are yet hopeful, but the grim facts are before us, the letters coming to us daily from our brave fellows prove that there is some stern and stirring business for some time yet.

We are glad that you have been so mainly as to respond to the call of duty and to don the uniform for King, Country and for Liberty, and we will trust and pray that you like those who have gone before will wear it well.

You will be inspired and encouraged to know that he who makes sacrifices truly for right and duty may through faith in God hear His beloved Son say—"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

As we ask you to wear this signet ring we hope it may often remind you of the many pleasant evenings spent with us and of the many Sir Knights and friends who pray for your daily well-being and a Christian soldier's honor being kept in trust by you.

Black Precinctory No. 382.  
Sir Knight, W. H. Cook  
Sir Knight Geo. F. Reed

### Hands Off the Hydro

Extracts from an editorial in the Toronto World (Con.), April 11th, 1916.

"If the Ontario Government really means to take the responsibility of the Hydro-Electric Commission into their own hands, and make a political machine of it then there is going to be an evil time ahead for the whole scheme.

"It is stated that in taking over the management of the Hydro Electric Commission the government has in mind the switching of profits from the funds of the Commission into the Provincial Treasury. We say it is difficult to believe that such a course can be seriously contemplated. It would be a moral outrage.

"To suggest at the present time that the municipalities which have been pioneers in the movement should now be milked of profits for the benefit of the province at large, is about the most outrageous proposition ever put forward in Canada.

"The meeting of representatives of the municipalities which is to convene today for the purpose of protesting against the alleged intention of the government is one that should receive the hearty support of all who are interested in the question of cheap electric power and light throughout the province."

### 80th Puts on Finishing Touches

The 80th Battalion is these days putting on the finishing touches of their colonial training before they go overseas. The men, who have been under arms for seven or eight months are as "hard as nails" physically and will be able to meet the demands of training in England when they reach the other side of the Atlantic.

Training overseas is reducing itself to the three great requisites, physical drill, bayonet drill and us-looky.

Mr. G. B. Foster of Arborfield, Sask., in renewing his subscription to the Ontario makes the following complimentary reference—

"We get the Montreal 'Herald,' the Winnipeg 'Free Press,' the Regina 'Leader' and Saskatoon 'Star,' but when we want to get the rights of it and a correct statement of affairs we go to the 'Ontario.' We wouldn't think of trying to farm out here without it."