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Double Drive On West, It Is Believed, Spoiled All Plans Of Germans On Two Fronts

Offensives Against Russia and Italy, Calais and Paris Said to Have Been Planned—French Make More Gains—British Press on in Driving Rain

Paris, April 18.—According to information from a reliable source, the double offensive of the British north of Arras and of the French on the Aisne, disarranged the German plans. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, it is declared, was preparing an offensive against Riga and another against Italy, while on the western front he was considering an attempt on Calais on the one hand and on Paris on the other. The allies, western offensive spoiled all this by obliging him to bring back a large part of the effectives intended for the Russian and Italian fronts.

FRENCH REPORT FURTHER LARGE GAIN

Paris, April 18.—The great western battle front was extended for another twelve miles yesterday, when the French drove the Germans from all of their first line positions and part of their second line from Rheims to the Champagne front. The victory was staged on the ground which saw the great offensive of 1915 and the German loss is estimated at 30,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. The invaders were exceptionally well placed along a series of wooded heights, varying in height from 600 to 800 feet and running north along the main road from Rheims to St. Hilaire Le Grand.

DEVASTATION BY GERMANS ON STUDIED PLAN

The Germans were well aware that an attack was coming and had made preparations for it. The French attack, however, was delivered with such skill and vigor that the defenders, disheartened by a long and furious preliminary bombardment, broke ground after reasonably stiff resistance and the whole line fell into the hands of the French. South of Moronvillers the impetus of the attack carried them clear through the first line into the second line system, which centered at Mont Haut. This summit, 550 feet high, was stormed.

BRITISH DRIVE ON IN RAIN

London, April 18.—The British forces have made further progress north of St. Quentin and have captured the village of Villers-Guislain, according to an official statement given out by the war office today.

GERMAN FLAGS HAULED DOWN IN ONE OF THE CHIEF CITIES OF BRAZIL

Porto Alegre, Brazil, April 18.—A mob attacked 270 German houses last night, tore down German flags and smashed the windows. Caricatures of the German emperor were nailed to the walls.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

- National League: New York at Brooklyn, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, clear, 8 p. m.; St. Louis at Chicago, clear, 8 p. m.; Philadelphia at Boston, cloudy, 8.15 p. m.
- American League: Boston at Philadelphia, cloudy, 8 p. m.; Washington at New York, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Chicago at Detroit, clear, 8 p. m.; Cleveland at St. Louis, clear, 8 p. m.
- International League: Buffalo at Newark, clear, 8.30 p. m.; Montreal at Providence, fair, 8 p. m.; Toronto at Baltimore, cloudy, 8.45 p. m.; Rochester at Richmond, cloudy, 4 p. m.

Huns Sink Spaniard Without Warning; 18 Lives Are Lost

Madrid, April 18.—The Spanish steamer Tom has been torpedoed and sunk without warning. Eighteen lives were lost. It is expected that news of this occurrence will further inflame public feeling in Spain. The Tom, 2,400 tons gross, was owned in Bilbao. Recent news despatches from Spain said that excitement was produced by the torpedoing of the Spanish steamer San Fulgencio. The Spanish government sent an emphatic protest to Germany and it is reported to have demanded an indemnity.

SOUND OF HEAVY GUNS TODAY OFF ATLANTIC COAST

Boston, April 18.—Three coastguard stations, at Race Point, Peaked Hill Bar and High Head, reported that they heard heavy guns being fired at 9.41 a.m. today north of the stations, in quick succession. These stations are off Provincetown.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE IN SESSION IN CAPITAL

H. Ingram, Contractor, Assigns Some Government Matters

Fredrickton, April 18.—The Provincial Chamber, Imperial Order Daughters of Empire, is in annual session here today. There are thirty-one delegates in attendance, mostly from St. John. Interesting reports were read from Mrs. W. J. Scott, recording secretary; Mrs. B. C. Foster, educational secretary; and Mrs. G. W. Hodge, organizing secretary. They reported the order in a prosperous condition with three new chapters formed during the year. At noon the delegates were entertained to luncheon at the Palais.

REPORTED THAT THE HUNGARIAN PREMIER HAS GIVEN UP POST

London, April 18.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News says that the Budapest Socialist paper Novevark announces the resignation of Count Tissa, the Hungarian premier.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET AGAIN IN OTTAWA TOMORROW

Ottawa, April 18.—The House of Commons, which has been having a recess since February 7, will resume tomorrow. Members are arriving today. The Senate will be back only on Tuesday next when another adjournment for that chamber is probable to await business from the Commons. There will be no formality of any kind tomorrow, the House simply starting where it left off in February.

THREE FIREMEN DIE FIGHTING TROY BLAZE

Troy, N.Y., April 18.—Battalion Chief Bailey and two other firemen were killed and eight others, including Chief Patrick Byron, were seriously injured today by the explosion of an ammonia tank during a fire in the Motion Picture Company's building. The fire caused a loss estimated at \$50,000.

FIRST SOCIAL OF 'KNOX CHURCH'

A congregational social of much interest was held in the parlors of the Knox church last evening. This was the first social held by the recently united congregations and was attended by many. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. J. Morrison. He congratulated those present very heartily upon the progress already made and impressed the necessity of hearty co-operation in the necessary work of the church. Rev. Dr. Morrison said that he had just received a letter from Colonel Murray MacLaren, M.P., from London in which the colonel said that he hoped the day was not far distant when peace would be declared and he could return to St. John. A short programme was carried out after which refreshments were served.

Lectures in Moncton

VOTE FOR PADLOCK ON SALOONS

Chicago, April 18.—Figures compiled today by the anti-saloon league show that 142 saloons have been voted out of business in elections in various cities and towns of Illinois.

FAIRVILLE TALKING OF ANOTHER 'CLEAN-UP DAY'

The warm sun has done a lot towards drying up the streets of Fairville and vicinity, but with the passing of the snow banks the usual unsightly back yards come into view, and several citizens have already mentioned the necessity of holding another "clean-up day" similar to that of last year when so much good was accomplished. It is to be expected that the highway board will be sympathetic to the scheme as they were of similar help on the previous occasion, parish teams and several employes being loaned to the committee for the day.

ANOTHER MEETING RE DAYLIGHT SAVING TOMORROW NIGHT

Chairman E. A. Schofield of the meeting held Monday in the board of trade rooms at which the advisability of continuing the daylight saving plan in St. John alone was questioned, announces another meeting in the same rooms for Thursday at 8.15 p. m.

GERMANY LOSES ONE OF HER BEST AIRMEN

Copenhagen, April 18.—Via London. Lieut. Baldamus, one of the most successful of the German aviators, is reported to have been killed yesterday in a collision with an allied airplane on the western front. He had a record of eighteen enemy airplanes destroyed.

BELIEVE HORSES POISONED

Syracuse, N.Y., April 18.—Ten horses were found dead and others dying on a special express horse train here last night. The horses, owned by the government, were destined for military purposes. Officials in this city (Syracuse) suspect the horses were poisoned.

VON BISSING ILL AGAIN

Amsterdam, via London, April 18.—According to a Brussels telegram, Governor General Von Bissing is again ill. The emperor has appointed General Von Zwell his successor for the time being. General Von Zwell is at present commander of Antwerp.

THE LATE CAPTAIN JOHN T. MURPHY

A month's mind requiem high mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's church in London, Lewis, P. Q., yesterday for the late John T. Murphy, former superintendent of dredging for the Quebec Harbor Commission. He died suddenly a month ago. Captain Murphy was well known in this city, having been in command of the dredge International, which was engaged in this harbor for some time when the L. C. R. pier was built. He also came here in command of a dredge when operations were commenced at Courtney Bay.

LIQUOR LAW CASE

John Vanshough was in the police court last Monday on a drunkenness charge, having been arrested on Sunday. At the time the man was remanded and instructions were issued by the court to find out from where he secured liquor on Sunday. As a result of the information Detectives Barrett, McAlain and Briggs visited the premises of Leon Kirstonous of 653 Main street, and a quantity of liquor was found. This morning the man was charged with having liquor on his premises in Main street for sale without a license. Vanshough said that he visited the place and had secured several drinks. He had also seen several men drinking in the house. He personally had not paid for the liquor. The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

DEATH AT LEPREUX

Thomas Mason Cogswell of Lepreux died at his residence on Monday as the result of heart trouble. He is survived by two brothers and five sisters. The brothers are William and Otis, both of Lepreux. The sisters are Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Charles English and Mrs. A. Lemax of Lepreux and Mrs. George Hampton and Mrs. Fred Hall of this city.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Devine took place this morning from the residence of her son, Joseph, to Holy Trinity church, where burial services were conducted by Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V.G. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

IMPORTANT GAIN MADE LAST NIGHT BY FRENCH TO EAST OF SOISSONS

Chavonne and Chivy Captured and Troops Sweep on—Enemy Loses Heavily in Champagne—French Have Captured Much War Material and 14,000 Unwounded Germans This Week

Paris, April 18.—Important progress was made last night by the French in their attack east of Soissons. The war office announces the capture of Chavonne and Chivy. The French pushed on north of these points, reaching the vicinity of Brayen-Laonnais.

SENATE PASSES THE MONEY BILL 84 VOTES TO 0

Washington, April 18.—The administration's \$7,000,000,000 war measure providing \$3,000,000,000 for the Entente Allies, \$2,000,000,000 for American security and defence and the prosecution of the war and \$2,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, passed the senate last night by a vote of 84 to 0.

STRIKERS IN BERLIN ARE AT LEAST 125,000

Copenhagen, April 17, via London, April 18.—The number of strikers in Berlin is placed in even the semi-official report at 125,000, and is distributed, according to the Tagblatt, through machine works, some electrical establishments and part of the munition plants.

BETTER CONDITIONS WITH RUSSIAN ARMY

London, April 18.—A Petrograd despatch says that Premier Lvoff and some of the other ministers, who have been visiting army headquarters, reported on their return that conditions at the front had considerably improved, especially in regard to the supply of the principal food products. They say that food and transport conditions are satisfactory.

GERMANY HAS NO DESIRE TO LOSE GRIP ON POLAND

Amsterdam, April 18.—The Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung complains that the Poles are to be confounding the word autonomy with the word independence and are wrongfully claiming that independence was promised to them last November. The paper says that Germany held out the prospect of an autonomous kingdom only in the closest union with the Central Powers. It continues: "This union cannot consist in an alliance dissolvable by the Poles themselves. We must possess military and political guarantees in Poland and must continue to keep the new kingdom in our hands after the war. We did not face the Poles for their own sake but for ours."

'NOT WISE TO STARVE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM DRUNK'

Washington, April 18.—Wm. J. Bryan announces that he endorses any plan to prohibit the use of grain for making liquor during the war. "I am in hearty sympathy," he said, "with the effort to conserve the food supply by not allowing the bread to be shorted in supply in order to lengthen the supply of alcohol. It is not wise to starve the people in order to make them drunk."

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—From Ontario eastward the weather of the last day has been fair and milder, while in the western provinces it continues cold and overcast and snow falls have occurred in many localities.

Ottawa Valley—Moderate winds, mostly fair and warmer today and on Thursday, showers in a few localities. Fair and Mild Maritime—Moderate variable winds, fair and mild today and Thursday. New England—Overcast, probably showers tonight and Thursday, gentle to moderate variable winds.