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## BIG FIRE DESTROYS WHOLE OF RHEIMS

### Terrible Bombardment of Enemy Ruins Famous Structures.

Paris, April 19.—Rheims, which has been on fire for a week, is now nothing but a great pile of smoking ruins. During the past week the Germans have fired more than 100,000 shells into the heart of the city, according to the correspondent of Le Matin, and flames from the burning buildings can be seen by aviators sixty and seventy miles away.

There are no traces of streets and thoroughfares, which have disappeared from view under the accumulation of debris. Ancient buildings in the Place Royale and the Market Place, and the musicians' house, which dates from the sixteenth century, have been reduced to dust and ashes.

The vaulting of the famous Rheims Cathedral, the correspondent says, is falling stone by stone. There will be nothing left of the edifice but the west front and the pillars. Shells are still bursting all around the building.

Notwithstanding the terrible bombardment, forty Paris firemen are still in the city, working to save the furniture and portable effects of the inhabitants. Some of them have lost their lives. With the Paris firemen are some local firemen of whom Sergeant Eliot, has been on duty in Rheims since the outbreak of the war and has been wounded fourteen times.

Rheims, before the war, a city of more than 100,000 souls, has slowly, but none the less surely, been falling a victim to German hate and spitefulness.

The cathedral was one of the most magnificent examples of early Gothic architecture and was begun in 1212. The west facade has three portals, which contain about 500 statues. Above the portals was the gorgeous rose window, flanked by two towers, and one of the finest specimens of the art of stained glass construction.

Up to November 1, 1918, the Germans had fired thousands of shells into the city, 1,000 of which had struck the cathedral. Since then whenever the German troops met with reverses the enemy has looked up the bombardment anew. Until the latest bombardment the cathedral had suffered greatly. The leaden roof had been destroyed and the rose window almost virtually so.

## FAVORS THE UNION OF OTTAWA POLICE

Ottawa, April 19.—A new turn was given this morning to the dispute between Chief Ross and his men of the police force, which has arisen over the formation of a union affiliated with the allied trades and labor associations.

In an official statement to the press, Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, expressed his disapproval of the attitude of Chief Ross in dismissing the men for joining and taking part as officers in the affairs of the union. The minister stated that in his judgment the men had a perfect right to form a union without obtaining the consent of the head of the department, and should not be penalized or discriminated against for having done so.

The minister of labor said it was clear from a letter written by Chief Ross to one of the men who were dismissed that he was opposed to any members of the force affiliating with labor organizations.

## TURKS CAPTURE GUNS IN TAKING OF BATUM

London, April 19.—In capturing the Black Sea port of Batum, the Turks took 150 guns and more than 3,000 prisoners. The text of the Turkish statement reads: "Our troops are approaching Kara."

"On the coast our cavalry has occupied Escheruk Suji. The pursuit continues."

"In taking Batum we captured 600 officers, 2,500 men, the commander of the fortress, and other eminent personalities. We also took 150 guns of different calibres, a number of locomotives and railroad cars, and a quantity of material and provisions."

## BRITISH RECAPTURE FARM POSITION LOST

With the British Army in France, April 19.—The British re-established their line west of Rebecq, southwesterly part of the Lys battlefield, by recapturing ground at Rieux on Vinage farm yesterday afternoon.

Kemmel Hill, on the northern side of the battle area, was still being heavily bombarded this morning in preparation for fresh assaults by the Germans.

Exhausted by the failure of yesterday's heavy attacks on the Givonchy-La Bassée Canal front, the Germans made no further move during the night, and on the greater part of the Flanders battlefield quiet prevailed this morning.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

### INFANTRY.

Killed in action—H. M. Frost, Keene, N. B.; A. E. Greenwood, England; W. Harvey, England; A. Drolat, Quebec, Que.; F. A. Markham, St. Mary's, Ont.; G. E. P. Butler, Montreal.

Died of wounds—J. Cannell, Vancouver; Cordine, Kowasski; F. Davis, 781 West Queen street, Toronto.

Wounded—A. Fernet, Montreal; W. Cassey, Montreal; F. E. Boyce, New Zealand; A. C. Marks, Magy, Que.; G. Whitcross, Scotland; G. Noble, London, Ont.; G. C. Scott, St. Mary's, Ont.; G. W. South, 61 Wesley street, Toronto; E. Brunet, not stated; Lieut. W. C. Baber, West Indies; L. Clark, Lussorel, Ont.; J. Smith, Ottawa; Lieut. Kirk, Port Perry, Ont.; V. G. Quackenbush, Brandon, Man.; G. Hollis, Carberry, Man.; S. B. Smith, Carberry, Man.; R. H. Stene, England; W. Walkley, England; V. Grover, England; P. J. Loufink, Belgium; W. H. England; Wm. Stettin, Wattle, Eng.; J. W. Traill, Almonte, Ont.; A. J. J. Canham, Hamilton, Ont.; C. A. Clark, Webbwood, Ont.; J. H. Tremblay, Montreal; J. L. Doucet, Boston, Mass.; J. M. Wadling, not stated; K. B. Eddy, Coburn, Ont.; J. Brunau, Three Rivers, Que.; S. J. Plouffe, Galt; E. S. Mason, England.

### MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded—Lieut. C. R. Grothe, Abbottsford, B. C.

### SERVICES.

Gassed—D. H. Boakus, 125 Barton avenue, Toronto; C. Maxwell, L'Original, Ont.

### RAILWAY TROOPS.

Wounded—R. E. J. Sudell, England; Capt. G. W. Endress, Winnipeg, A. S.; Lieut. J. H. Knorr, Vancouver, B. C.; J. Coverdale, Victoria, B. C.; M. Stack, Saskatchewan; J. H. Jarvis, England; J. McLaughlin, Ontario.

Gassed—J. H. Kemp, Regina, Sask.; P. Woodward, England; T. A. Humphrey, England; A. P. Rogers, Winnipeg, Minn.

### MEDICAL SERVICES.

Wounded—W. B. Webber, Brandon; Sergt. Major J. Turner, 122 Felstead avenue, Toronto; E. Enright, Montreal.

### CVCLISTS.

Missing—Lieut. G. A. Mercer, 40 Pacific avenue, Toronto.

### MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Killed in action—R. Butler, Ireland; J. Christensen, Denmark; C. Trickett, England; G. H. Knowling, Vancouver, B. C.; C. A. Aberdeen, Brandon; L. V. S. Roberts, Carleton Place, W. Warwick, Edmonton, Alta.

Missing—A. J. Reid, Ireland.

Wounded—J. H. Arnold, 148 MacDonnell avenue, Toronto; C. McCah, Ireland; W. P. Torrington, Wase; G. P. Rigall, England; F. H. Maxwell, Simcoe, Ont.; M. C. A. Kilpatrick, Crookston, Ont.; M. C. Carr, Brookston, Ont.; F. E. Farrell, Winnipeg; M. Emberton, Waterloo, Ont.; W. H. Purshaw, Winnipeg; J. A. Lawton, England; W. Tourigny, Laurierville, Que.; F. Bousquet, Montreal, Ont.; G. Catherine, Headingly P. O., Man.; S. Mitchell, England.

Gassed—F. H. Sharpe, Hamilton, Ont.; S. Carpenter, Vancouver, B. C.; W. G. Parsons, England; H. Sauve, Chambly Basin, Que.; H. S. Schiass, Hamilton, Ont.

### ENGINEERS.

Died of wounds—M. J. Simmons, Woodstock, Ont.

Died—G. H. Coltau, Tacoma, Wash. Gassed—M. Naylor, Gt. Chertsey, Alta.

### ARTILLERY.

Killed in action—H. R. Young, Walsh, Alta.; H. Phillips, Courtwright, Ont.; J. E. Thomas, Ottawa; G. Edwards, Indian Head, Sask.

Died of wounds—Lieut. J. A. Goutick, Scotland; V. A. McKee, Grand Valley, Ont.

Wounded—T. Piergentilli, Italy; G. H. McInnis, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. Jones, Wales; J. C. Marshall, Scotland; L. N. Hall, Vancouver; V. W. McFerson, Watford, Ont.; E. Hill, Kingston, Jamaica; G. Hebert, Shediac, N. B.; V. A. Hare, Rosetown, Sask.; A. J. Carter, Nanticoke, Ont.; A. C. Beesley, England.

Gassed—A. Ross, 878 Carlaw avenue, Toronto; A. A. Fraser, 285 Barkley street, Toronto; D. Morris, Leithbridge, Alta.; E. Coleman, Montreal; S. F. Cassidy, 98 Wesley street, Toronto.

## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SEIZES ENEMY PLANTS

Washington, April 19.—The government has taken over the big plants of the Bosch Magneto Company at Springfield, Mass., and Plainfield, N. J., and directors will be named by Alien Property Custodian Palmer to conduct their operations.

Investigation showed, it was announced today, that the company is entirely enemy-owned.

While the company is capitalized at only \$75,000, its real valuation, it is said, is about \$7,000,000. The company's output it was announced, will be used largely by the airplane service, the navy and other branches of the government.

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### Shipping to Canadian West Of Hard Coal is Prohibited

Vancouver, April 19.—J. R. Brodie, president of the Western Canada Coal Company, wires his head office here that no more hard coal is to be permitted to be shipped into the Canadian west. Winnipeg will receive a small supply, but western points must depend upon the domestic supply. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference between western coal operators and fuel control officials at Ottawa.

## BRITISH LINE FIRM AT CLOSE OF DAY

### Change in Front of German Attack Finds No Weak Spot.

### ATTEMPT FOR CANAL

#### Enemy Wants Waterway as Safeguard for Troops Around Bailleul.

London, April 19.—The change of the front of the German attack to the region between Givonchy and East Rebecq found no weak spot in the British resistance, and the close of yesterday's fighting found the British line still intact. There was only one point in the new battle area where the enemy sought to break through, opposite the hill of Hinges, where the enemy succeeded in bridging La Bassée Canal, but the only Germans who crossed came as prisoners. This new German attack in the direction of Bethune is obviously intended to protect his flanks if he wishes to drive further northward. The enemy is trying to secure La Bassée Canal with the object of safeguarding his troops around Bailleul, and simultaneously imperiling the British in the French coal field near Bethune.

Generally speaking, the British battle line is more secure than it has been for days, justifying the belief that the enemy may be held in their present positions. The arrival of the French support is regarded as most important. They are described as splendidly seasoned men. The sight of the long blue lines marching up the roads heartened the British, giving them a fresh sense of security, and the news of the French aggressive stroke south of Amiens still further heartened the anxious watchers at home. The British withdrawal east of Ypres was due to the German advance from the south along the Lys Valley, threatening communications of the Ypres army. Thus the distance that this army would have to retreat if the enemy looked like breaching the Cassel-Kemmel line heights has been reduced.

Enemy's Prospects Lessen. The result of yesterday's fighting shows that the enemy looks less like breaking thru than he did, and although the retirement in the Ypres sector is regrettable, yet they are no nearer to securing possession of the important heights between them and the coast. They failed to get Givonchy, and are still no nearer Hazebroeck, whose capture is necessary to the enemy plans. Before Mount Kemmel, the rugged wooded hill that has already cost the enemy so dearly, their masses are advancing and are openly moved down. The enemy here is trying to break a way beyond Meteren and west of Bailleul. Although he abandoned Meteren and Wytschaete, the enemy's position is most uncomfortable.

The German outposts were unable to advance beyond the north side of Meteren. It cannot be said that the general situation is less anxious, but there is undoubtedly increasing confidence in the unity of command. There is still expectation of renewed thrusts at Amiens, and the French correspondents speak of the enormous enemy concentrations between Arras and Amiens. Meanwhile the enemy propagandists are sending broadcast neutral reports speaking of the depression and war-weariness of the United Kingdom and dominions, which are strongly at variance with the real feeling here. Germany itself is preaching the necessity of huge indemnities from the western powers in addition to annexations.

## SWALLOWED TOOTH, DIED.

Quebec, April 19.—After swallowing a false tooth on a bridge yesterday, Mrs. Philip Brown, St. Cyrille street, this city, was taken to the Jeffery Hale Hospital and died last night.

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