

## GERMANS REPULSED AT MESSINES RIDGE AFTER SOME GAINS

Enemy Captured No High Ground, Gen. Maurice Announces.

### HARD ON PORTUGUESE

Ally's Troops Bear Brunt of Attack North of La Bassee.

London, April 10.—"In this morning's attack the enemy entered the British first line trenches between the Rivers Lys and Doube," said Major-General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, today.

"The attack extended from Armentieres to Messines.

"The German gains today," continued General Maurice, "in conjunction with the results of his attack yesterday, have placed Armentieres in an awkward salient."

"Armentieres is now little more than a heap of ruins, and its loss would not be a vital matter. It is not lost yet, and we hope it will not be, but it may be."

"On the Messines front the enemy's attack today was repulsed," he announced. "The enemy has obtained no footing on the high ground anywhere."

"The Germans captured a considerable part of Ploegsteert Wood," General Maurice said.

"Three-mile Enemy Advance.

"In the fighting yesterday the enemy advanced in the centre to a depth of 5000 yards. It is quite certain we lost some guns. In an advance to such a depth considerable Portuguese artillery must have been lost, and probably a number of prisoners."

"In the retirement of the French to the line of the Ailette River, two French battalions were cut off, and the Germans took about 2000 prisoners," said General Maurice.

"The withdrawal of the French was made on account of an awkward corner in the line."

"The latest fighting," the general went on, "shows that the enemy is merely carrying out another chapter in his effort to exhaust the British army. His first scheme was to cut off the British from the French."

"That failed. Now he is attacking wherever he sees a favorable chance, with the idea of bleeding us white if he can."

"In yesterday's fighting," General Maurice said, "the enemy transferred the scene of his operations to the front between Armentieres and Bethune. The ground of the main attack was held in the centre by a Portuguese division with a British division on each flank. The main blow fell on the Portuguese."

"The terrain is an absolutely flat alluvial plain."

### GERMAN PROPAGANDA DROPPED IN TRENCHES

Chatham, April 10.—Dr. C. B. Oliver of this city has received a letter from his son, Lieut. Douglas Oliver, formerly of the 16th Battalion, now with a unit in the front line, in which he encloses a copy of a newspaper printed in French, which he states has been circulated among the French troops by the Germans, with the object of disorganizing the front line troops. The papers were dropped into the trenches by German airplanes.

## Blood Poison Developed

As the Result of Accident—Nerves Break Down After Three Weeks of Suffering—A Glowing Tribute to Treatment Used.

Kington, Ont., April 10.—Blood poisoning seems to become more common from year to year, and the dread of it is ever on the increase. In the case reported here the doctor did not seem able to get rid of it, and after three weeks of suffering the patient was almost a nervous wreck.

Mrs. Susie Jackson, Smith's street, Kington, Ont., writes:

"Early in the fall of 1916 I had a painful accident. I ran a silver under my thumb nail, and neglected having it extracted. My thumb festered very badly, in fact, my arm was fearfully swollen up to the elbow. It developed into blood poisoning, and I had the doctor lance it several times, but it failed to get better. With the intense pain and loss of sleep I became a nervous wreck. After following the doctor's orders for three weeks and not getting any benefit I wrote my mother about it. By return mail she sent me a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment. The very first application eased the pain, and I slept that night quite easily. I kept using the ointment regularly, and by the fifth day all the swelling was gone, and also the inflammation."

"During this time I had become so weakened and run down that my whole nervous system seemed affected. I was very nervous and restless, appetite became poor, and I had frequent headaches. I decided to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and had the same splendid results from this as from the Ointment. Using the Nerve Food internally built up my system and made me strong, while using the Ointment externally healed my sore thumb. I am now quite well, thanks to your wonderful remedies. The only regret I have is that I did not begin using them earlier, and saved myself months of suffering, to say nothing of doctors' bills."

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## MAY ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT VACCINATION

Solicitor, However, Rules That Board of Health is Acting Illegally.

Chatham, April 10.—By a vote of three to two the local board of health yesterday voted in favor of removing the ban preventing school children from attending school until they have been vaccinated. The action of the board in refusing to allow children to attend school has caused considerable agitation, which resulted in the chairman, George Cowan, voting in favor of rescinding the measure, although a week ago his vote defeated a proposal of a similar nature.

City Solicitor C. L. Lewis, K. C., who has been consulted with regard to the legality of the removal of the ban and the proclamation calling for general vaccination, has ruled that there does not appear to be any way in which the measure can be withdrawn legally.

## GERMANS FOILED BY FRENCH TACTIC

Enemy Staff Experiences Profound Disappointment—Expected French Retreat.

With the French Army in France, April 10.—Extreme artillery activity nearly everywhere again yesterday marked the battle line. The abandonment of Coucy-le-Chateau was cleverly effected by the French, who while making their way toward the new positions in full freedom of movement, gave the Germans a terrific harrying bombardment with field and heavy guns, causing a great toll in casualties.

The Germans had several divisions in line in this part of the front, but could not do more than follow warily behind the retreating French, whose effectives are outnumbered many times.

Prisoners captured here declare that the German staff expected the morning of April 6, counting on their superior numbers to overwhelm the French. Other information from prisoners shows that the Germans awaited immensely greater results from their surprise offensive. They not only expected to push the allies back from the Somme, but looked for a general withdrawal all along the front, even far eastward of the line attacked.

German observers behind trenches and in sausage balloons had orders to keep a sharp lookout for signs of a French retreat and report them to the staff. They were told to watch for burning villages and supply dumps, and were surprised when nothing of the kind happened.

Still other prisoners, who have recently come from the Russian front, assert that the German authorities were profoundly disappointed concerning Russia.

### INSANE BLUNDER.

T. P. O'Connor Condemns Applying Conscription to Ireland.

San Francisco, April 10.—Application in Ireland of military conscription would be an "insane blunder," according to a cablegram sent to John Dillon, leader of the Irish party in parliament, by T. P. O'Connor, Irish publicist and member of parliament, who is here today on a speaking tour.

### TWO OFFICERS EARNED MILITARY CROSSES

London, April 10.—How two officers of the railway troops earned the Military Cross is now revealed officially.

Lieut. Thomas Wallace Clarke, with the greatest coolness, extinguished a burning ammunition dump before any damage was done.

Capt. William Derrington Sharp kept his men working on a light railway broken by shell fire, despite heavy shelling, maintaining constant supplies to the front line.

Corp. J. Dow received the Distinguished Conduct Medal assisting to build a loop around a derailed tractor, enabling the trains to proceed. He later the same night cleared away the wreckage of a derailed train, getting the train out of observation before dawn.

### BROCKVILLE TO HAVE MUNICIPAL GARDENS

Brockville, April 10.—Efforts are being made by the local civic bodies to boom the greater production of food in Brockville this season.

The town council has set the pace by announcing that it will cultivate twelve acres of municipal land equally divided between grain and potatoes. Citizens who have gardens and who are willing to do so, are being urged to cultivate are being urged to offer them to persons who will do so. Many are coming forward, and several allotments have been made to intending gardeners. A committee of garden experts have consented to assist the uninitiated.

### DISPUTES ARE ADJUSTED.

Ottawa, April 10.—The labor department announced that an agreement has been concluded between the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., and its boiler-makers, iron shipbuilders, etc., which will avert any trouble between the disputing parties. The agreement, which has been drawn up and signed, provides for a nine-hour day throughout the week, a five-hour day on Saturdays, and increased pay on holidays. There is also a schedule of wages applicable to the different trades involved.

### AMERICANS GUARD KING.

London, April 10.—American soldiers acted as a guard of honor to King George and Queen Mary yesterday when their majesties inspected a certain famous works where thousands of hands are employed day and night. Their majesties conversed freely with officers and men, and commented on their smart and soldier-like appearance.

### AMERICANS ARRIVE.

London, April 10.—American reinforcements have appeared in the British battle zone, says a despatch from British headquarters in France to Reuters, Limited. Their presence in the fighting line, the correspondent adds, should soon be felt.

## FURTHER INSTANCES OF GALLANT DEEDS

Toronto Officer Obtains Military Cross for Personal Prowess.

London, April 10.—The following particulars have been received from official sources concerning the award of the military cross to the officers named:

Lieut. Myer Cohen of Toronto—Was out with a patrol and attacked an enemy party, killing three and capturing three more. Two hours later, while still in No Man's Land, he saw another party, attacked them, capturing a further three and then brought his own party back without a casualty.

Lieut. William Ferguson, railway troops and I.R.C.—Participated in several aerial combats and often assisted in the destruction of hostile batteries.

Lieut. William Leary, machine gunner—Brought his machine guns into action under a violent bombardment.

Lieut. Tom Percival Mackenzie—Rendered invaluable services as brigade signal officer under the most trying conditions, showing complete disregard for his personal safety.

Lieut. John Aird Stephen, railway troops—When a fire was started in a dump of shells at once went to the spot, in spite of heavy shelling, and with one man's assistance put the fire out.

Distinguished conduct medals—126949, Sergt. J. N. Lyons, C.G.A.; 22404, Sergt. E. C. Houston, 11th Battalion; 77266, Pte V. A. Green, 7th Battalion; 841430, Pte A. E. Abbey, 24th Battalion.

Military medal—418034, Sergt. H. Brooks, 60th Battalion; 1091772, Sergt. F. H. Goslane, 1st C.R.T.; 12544, Sergt. E. H. Scummet, 5th Battalion; 40909, Sergt. E. E. Wallis, C.P.A.; 1042113, Corp. G. S. Cuthbert, 7th C.I.T.; 435792, Corp. P. S. Going, 50th Battalion; 790284, Corp. D. A. Johnson, 4th C.R.T.; 212550, Lance-Corp. W. C. Barker, 12th L. Railway Co.; 20996, Gunner T. H. Hepburn, C.P.A.; 462418, Pte. E. H. Brown, 27th Battalion; 42125, Pte. N. W. Bennett, 7th Battalion; 745442, Pte. J. McRae, 116th Battalion.

The following Canadians have been awarded a bar to the military medal (infantry privates, except where otherwise specified)—157769, Corp. J. Cochran; 541684, Corp. L. Wildo, engineers; 52194, L. Caldwell, M.C.A.; 473515, Sapper L. A. Haddell, engineers; 71444, R. M. White; 45822, Corp. A. Norris, M.G.C.; 223192, Lt. A. Hayward; 426913, C. J. Lee; 180670, Lance-Corp. W. Sharpe; 452358, G. Todd; 57118, Sergt. C. Stevens; 442017, Corp. R. Booth; 147747, R. Halliday; 42855, Sapper J. Smith, engineers; 746017, J. V. Hodgson; 148947, P. J. Sprall; 775294, J. Gilmore; 6625, Corp. R. Macfie; 805173, A. Taylor; 178023, Lance-Sergt. H. Follon.

### Anti-Waste Orders Effective In Potato and Apple Surpluses

Ottawa, April 10.—The Canada food board states that the new anti-waste and anti-hoarding orders, which have been made effective in part, at least for a large reduction in the surplus of apples and potatoes in Canada.

The smallest reduction has taken place at Winnipeg, where 12,000 barrels of apples were in store on March 30 as compared with 15,000 barrels on March 1.

The Canada food board has telegraphed the chief fruit inspector at Winnipeg inquiring whether these holdings are liable to be marketed at low prices. If the stocks there cannot be taken care of without waste the food board is prepared to require disposal of the surplus.

Very considerable supplies of onions are reported to be held in the west. Dealers are warned that they are liable to prosecution if any part of these stocks be allowed to spoil.

### TREMEMENDOUS GUNFIRE EMPLOYED BY ENEMY

London, April 10.—The battle which began yesterday morning between La Bassee and Fleurbaix, Reuters' correspondent says, continuing today with unabated violence.

The artillery duel has extended southward to Arras, while the German also are attacking between Armentieres and Messines, on the Belgian border.

The enemy has brought into action a tremendous number of guns, and is throwing in his infantry in dense masses. The Germans, the writer declares, plainly are making every effort to break thru the British positions.

### Notice to Hydro Users

Two cases have recently occurred where we are advised that persons not employed by the System, representing themselves as employees of the Hydro, endeavored to collect accounts.

We would again draw attention to the fact that all employees of the Hydro who have occasion to call upon or enter customers' premises are provided with an official badge as reproduced in the cut.

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### Must Help Production Or Get No Half-Holiday

Chatham, April 10.—Unless the merchants of the city agree to utilize the usual summer half-holiday assisting in the production and conservation schemes of the government, there will not likely be a half holiday declared, according to the statement of Mayor Clements this morning.

He added that several of the larger houses had decided to keep open, unless some scheme for increased production on the part of the merchants was arrived at. A public meeting of all the merchants of the city is being held tomorrow afternoon, with a view of forming some national service plan to be put in effect on Thursday afternoons during the summer.

### TAX ON GAS COMPANIES.

Edmonton, April 10.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, announced in the house yesterday that increased taxes would be laid upon natural gas and gas companies in the Province of Alberta.

The province also intends to include power and power transmission companies within the scope of the taxation. Taxation of banks also will be increased. The total estimated revenue of the government this year from all sources reaches the sum of \$10,313,322.84.

## FIRED ONLY ONE OF MACHINE GUNS

Major Rodgers Testifies at Inquest on Deaths in Quebec Riots.

Quebec, April 10.—Major G. B. Rodgers, Toronto, who had charge of the militia in St. Roch on the night of the riot, Monday, April 1, was the main witness today at the coroner's inquest into the death of the four civilians killed during the clash between the mob and the militia.

He explained that he had 1180 men under his command that night, with ten machine guns stationed here and there throughout the riot zone.

He said only one of the machine guns was fired that night, and that the four civilians were killed, where the four machine guns were fired, but that about thirty-six bullets were fired from the militia.

He also stated that the Riot Act was read about 9 o'clock that night near the Jacques Cartier Market place by another militia. He says Capt. Halpin read the Riot Act by heart, both in French and English.

Major Rodgers then related how he saw the mob shoot against the military from house tops, from behind snowdrifts from behind posts and also from a hiding place behind the cab stand at the corner of St. Joseph, St. Valler and Bagot streets.

It was then, the riot growing to a high pitch of activity, that he himself ordered the machine gun brought to the fore, backed against a stone wall. He ordered his men to fire the machine gun but just a few seconds, enough to scare the mob away. He says the machine gun barked a mere second or two, and that night was over.

The major added that he was positive the machine gun hit no one, that all those who were hit were touched by stray bullets.

Joseph Tremblay, cousin of Edward Tremblay, one of the victims, also testified.

### NOMINATED IN RED DEER.

Red Deer, Alta., April 10.—The Liberal Red Deer yesterday nominated J. J. Gaetz as their candidate in the by-election, caused by the elevation of E. Michener, former leader of the provincial Conservatives, to the senate. At a convention held several weeks ago, P. W. Galbraith was selected as the Conservative candidate. No date has been selected for the election.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES INCREASED.

Winnipeg, April 10.—By the decision of the school management committee of the Winnipeg public school board at its regular meeting last night the salaries of 600 teachers will be increased, involving on the board an additional expenditure of \$100,000 for the current year.

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### SURGICAL TEAM BOMBED.

London, April 10.—"During the recent fighting and retirement on the western front," says an official statement issued this evening by the war office, "a surgical team, which very generously had been sent to one of our casualty clearing stations by a Philadelphia hospital, was heavily bombed and two officers and one nurse were wounded."

### MILITIA OFFICERS MUST SERVE.

Ottawa, April 10.—The central appeal judge under the Military Service Act in a judgment handed out today declared that an individual is not entitled to exemption from overseas service because of the circumstance that he is a member of His Majesty's regular, reserve or auxiliary forces, as defined by the Act.

The application dealt with is that of Silvestre Lavery, of Longueuil, province of Quebec, a lawyer, who holds a captain's commission in the Canadian Militia.

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