

Germans Open Great Drive For Amiens Tremendous Attack on 15-Mile Front

Germans Began Huge Offensive This Morning to Capture Amiens

Strong Infantry Attacks Follow Fierce Bombardment—North of Albert to Point of Junction of British and French Armies Under Assault—French Have Opened Counter-Bombardment Between Somme and Avre Rivers—Great Praise for British Naval Exploit.

KING CONGRATULATES ADMIRAL KEYES

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) LONDON, April 24.—King George has telegraphed his congratulations to Vice Admiral Keyes on the result of his attack on the German submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend.

TWO LARGE AUSTRIAN POWDER FACTORIES BLOWN UP

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) ZURICH, April 24.—According to reports reaching here, two large Austrian powder factories have been blown up with numerous casualties.

NO ULTIMATUM FOR HOLLAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) THE HAGUE, April 24.—Nothing learned here of the ultimatum threatening the occupation of Dutch ports unless certain demands are granted.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER RESIGNS

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) LONDON, April 24.—A despatch from Tokio announces that Viscount Montono, Japanese minister for foreign affairs, has resigned because of the Siberian situation.

NO DISTURBANCES YESTERDAY IN IRELAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) DUBLIN, April 24.—No disturbances have been reported from any part in Ireland in connection with yesterday's labor demonstration against conscription.

AIR-RAID DID NOT MATERIALIZE

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) PARIS, April 24.—An air-raid warning was given at 11:36 last night but no airplane crossed the fire curtain or flew over the Paris district.

EXPEDITION MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN REPORTED

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) LONDON, April 24.—According to The Daily Chronicle's correspondent the survivors of the raid on the German submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend who landed at a Kentish port declare that not only was the mouth of the Bruges Canal blocked but in addition every gun of the Mole was destroyed and the sheds throughout its whole length demolished—large stores of munitions contained in the sheds being blown up.

IRISH MAY OPPOSE INDUSTRIAL CONSCRIPTION

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) DUBLIN, April 24.—A labor meeting at Athlone yesterday decided to oppose industrial as well as military conscription. Women workers pledged themselves to undertake no work previously done by men.

39 FOUND GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Twenty-nine persons, Hindus, former German consular officials, business men and others were found guilty by a jury in the federal court of conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States, to foment a revolution against British rule in India. The men found guilty include Franz Boppa, former German Consul General at San Francisco; E. H. Von Shack, vice consul and Henry Kauffman, chancellor of the German consulate.

BRITISH NAVY BEGINS BOTTLING UP SUBS.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—American naval officers await eagerly the full story of the successful French-British naval blow against the German destroyer and U-boat bases on the Belgian coast. The impression prevails here supported by certain facts regarding American naval preparations that a carefully planned naval offensive against the U-boats has begun which is to be pressed vigorously until the underwater raiders are bottled up or checked to such an extent that their operations will no longer be a serious factor. It has long been the belief of many officers here that much could be done toward bottling up the U-boats at their source—their bases on the Belgian coast. This means to this end suggested have been many, including mine fields, increased numbers of light surface patrol craft, new detection devices, aircraft and submarines. All of these and other elements enter into what the staff of operations the naval supreme council has formed.

ONLY MARRIED MEN IN "B" AFFECTED

TORONTO, April 24.—Ottawa's decision regarding the 1st contingent furlough men is that men in a medical category lower than B2 will be retained in Canada, but this only applies to the married men. All the others will have to return overseas at the expiration of the leave. The official Ottawa order on the subject reads as follows: "Married n.c.o.'s and men attached to the 1st Contingent returned on furlough at the public expense may be boarded and retained in Canada for duty, if they are in a category lower than B2. Each soldier's case will be submitted to militia headquarters for approval."

CARSO OPENS BIG OFFENSIVE ON HOME RULE

LONDON, April 23.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, in a letter to the press says: "The government are on the point of introducing a home rule bill and have threatened to leave their posts in the hour of national danger unless it is carried into law. The prime minister says that any pledges which stood in the way are to be scrapped, because the war has lasted longer than was expected by those who gave them. The prime minister admits now that no substantial agreement has been reached, and the Ulster delegates in a separate report tell us that no agreement was reached on any point of importance. Yet Lloyd George announces the introduction of a home rule bill for the whole of Ireland, which it is generally assumed, will be based on the majority report, from which the Ulster delegates unanimously dissented."

Allies Have Gained More Men Than Lost

GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS RALLIED THEM, SAYS WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Great Moral Effect—No Material Advantage Gained for all the Immense Losses He Has Suffered

London, April 23.—More than one million soldiers, in addition to those who would otherwise be in the field against Germany, have been gained by the allies in consequence of the German offensive, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, said today in an address to the American labor delegation which is visiting England. "So far as moral effects are concerned," he said, "all that the Germans have achieved by the battle

has been an increase in the closer consolidation of the forces fighting against them. By their attack they have called into the field against them in this campaign alone more than one million soldiers additional to those who would otherwise have been there.

British Shoot Down Thirteen Aeroplanes

London, April 23.—"Our bombing machines were very active Monday," says the official statement issued tonight on aerial operations. "They dropped 19 tons of bombs on numerous targets including the Thourout railway station, the Engel ammunition dump, and Warneton, Arrmentiers and Roulers. In the air fighting seven machines were brought down out of control or shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft fire. Two hostile balloons were

Buried With Masonic Honors

Tribute Paid to Late Fred W. Millard by Brethren and Citizens. The funeral of the late Frederick W. Millard took place on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, 24 Catherine street to Christ Church, where in the presence of many friends and Masonic brethren and past masters, Rev. Dr. Blagrove, formerly rector of Christ Church and now incumbent of St. Mark's, Parkdale, Toronto conducted the impressive Anglican service, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Beamish. Dr. Blagrove in a few eloquent words expressed appreciation of the life and character of the departed, who had been an intimate friend of his. A large choir rendered the choral services. The interment was in the family plot in Belleville cemetery, the service being Very Rev. Bro. W. O. Adams, W. Bro. R. A. Backus, W. Bro. C. J. Symons, W. Bro. J. G. McElduff, Bro. W. H. Lattimer and Bro. W. B. Deacon, all members of the Masonic order. Ven. Archdeacon Beamish officiated at the grave and the last rites of the Masonic order were conducted by Wor. Bro. J. W. Holmes, master of Eureka Lodge No. 233 A. F. and A. M. of which deceased was an honored member.

Big Demand for Belleville Bonds

\$50,000 Issue will be all sold in a Few Days—A Rare Opportunity For Investors. As was expected the citizens of Belleville are eagerly buying the issue of 5% Patriotic Bonds. The selling only began yesterday and already nearly half of the entire issue has been subscribed for. The conservative investor who is looking for absolute security as well as a liberal yield finds this an ideal investment. The various salesmen who are placing the Bonds report excellent progress, and a welcome wherever they go. The people of Belleville appreciate an opportunity to invest in their own Bonds instead of allowing outsiders to get the benefit of such excellent securities. It would be advisable for any who have not yet bought Bonds to get busy and inquire at the City Hall for prospectus as the issue will be all sold in a day or two more.

Bayside Raises Funds for the Red Cross

On Thursday evening the 18th inst. a most successful entertainment was held in White's Church under the auspices of the Bayside Women's Institute. Addresses were delivered by Pte. Chatterton, Mrs. J. A. McFee and Mr. John Elliott. Most interesting and instructive readings were rendered by Mrs. Percy Mott. Music of a high character was furnished by local talent. Mr. John Hess, Reeve of Sidney Township presided and proved a most capable chairman. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. The proceeds of the evening were over \$70.00 all of which will be used to pay for Red Cross supplies.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Killed—W. Russell, Cornwall. Th—J. E. King, Wooten.

Surprise And Presentation

On Thursday evening, April 18th, about one hundred and twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tucker gathered at their home to say good-bye before their departure for their new home in Belleville, which they have purchased from Mrs. C. M. Farley, an ideal home overlooking the beautiful bay. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all, considering these anxious days. The following address was read: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tucker:—Dear Friends: We find it impossible to allow you to leave this neighborhood without expressing in some way the love and esteem which we cherish for you. We have always found you faithful as friends, upright and honest in business, citizens of a high moral type and neighbors of such an excellent character that we are all grieved to bid you good-bye. We will miss you not only as citizens, but your place in the church, in the social circle, in fact in every walk of life. The very highest and best purposes in life are achieved by the ideal service we render to God and to our fellows, and very early in life you cast your lot with the church of God and endeavored to live the Christ life. A higher type of manhood and womanhood it would be difficult to find. We see in your lives that sense of real that kindness of heart, that open and frank and honest dealing, that common brotherhood, that inspiring all hearts to nobler impulses, broader visions, and a closer walk with the lowly Nazarene, which is the highest principle of life. We are glad that you are still making your home in the good old County of Hastings at Belleville, and we will continue to live in the future with the consciousness that our friendships will not cease, and with the hope that you will not soon forget the multitude of friends you are leaving behind in Rawdon. As a slight token of our love and respect, we ask you to accept this couch, which in a feeble sense we convey to you the goodwill and best wishes of a host of friends. We trust that your future home will prove equal to your loftiest anticipations, predicting for you at the same time many warm and faithful friends into whose hearts you can so easily make your way; and we trust that when the partings and farewells shall end in the transient abodes we have made upon earth, that we shall gather in our Father's Home in glory, where we shall go out no more forever. Signed on behalf of your many friends, Joseph Coult, Fred Rupert, Wilson Harlow (Stirling papers please copy.)

Caught In Act Of Burglary

Three Boys Arrested—One Struck Merchant Over Head. Belleville had a burglary last night with three boys aged thirteen, twelve and eleven years as the principals. One of the boys as a side issue struck a well known merchant over the head with an empty ginger beer bottle. Mr. Hope McGinnis, who operates a grocery on Mill street, went with Mrs. McGinnis to an entertainment last evening and returned shortly after ten o'clock. Mr. McGinnis went to go into the store and heard a noise as of someone running. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis went in and closed the exits and found three boys whom they knew, all resident in the north part of the city. Mrs. McGinnis telephoned for the police while Mr. McGinnis kept the boys from running out. One in a struggle to escape, broke a big light of glass in the front door but did not succeed in getting away. Mr. McGinnis was kept busy with the lad, and as he was watching them one stooped down, picked up an empty ginger beer bottle from a box on the floor and struck the proprietor on the left side of the head. Mr. McGinnis felt almost stunned for a minute or so, but the boys could not escape. Sergeant Harman and Constable Deane arrived in the former's car and searched the youngsters. Their hands were tied and their feet were bound. The contents of these in the pocket were packages of cigarettes were missing, seven of these being found on one of them. This morning the rest were found in a garbage box. The lads had tampered with the cash register, having apparently rung up two keys, 30c and 40c as the ribbon showed this morning. The position of a key showed that they had tried to open the box. Fortunately Mr. McGinnis had not left any money in the register. The entrance was made by removing a pane of glass at the side of the grocery and one of the youngsters was shoved in. He unlocked three doors, all found open at the time of the discovery, and let in his chums, one of them being his brother. To show how cleverly they worked, an incident may be repeated. A new box of cigarettes was opened and sixteen packages taken out, the top replaced and a partially empty box put on top. This leads the proprietor to believe that they were planning to replace the glass at the side without showing any signs of robbery; and to return on some other occasion. This morning the charge of breaking and entering and stealing was preferred against the trio and they were remanded to jail until Monday as Captain Ruston of the C.A.S. did not think the Shelter detention room strong enough to hold them. The elder of the two brothers affirmed that he was fourteen years old, but the agent declared he was twelve and that he was trying to make his age greater so as to escape going to school. One of the boys is accused of robbing the city yard of rubber boots and was this last week let out until Monday next when his trial will come up. Mr. McGinnis states that fortunately a hatchet which was nearby at the time the one boy struck him with the bottle, was not noticed, otherwise there might have been a chance that the lad would have used that. About three years ago, one of the boys was caught robbing Mr. McGinnis' warehouse. Sergt. Ross Bell of the Royal Air Force was in the city yesterday attending the funeral of the late F. W. Millard.