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ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, To-day. (Official)—The enemy artillery has been active at different points, and at dawn heavily shelled our positions in the neighborhood of Candescor, north of Merville. No infantry action followed. Our artillery has effectively engaged hostile troops, and also transports, moving along the road behind the Lys battle front.

NO INFANTRY ACTIONS.

PARIS, To-day. (Official) There were no infantry actions during the course of the day but the opposing artillery was very active in the region of Castel Griennes and on the right bank of the Meuse.

FROM THE EAST.

EASTERN THEATRE, To-day. There were reciprocal artillery engagements in the Dolrain sector, and along the Monastir front bombardments were carried out by the Allied aviators on enemy establishments at Seres and north of Lake Presba.

A LULL IN THE STORM.

LONDON, To-day. During the morning there were local German attacks in the Flanders battle area, including one near Mont Kimmel, says Renter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France. The correspondent adds that the attacks were repulsed and that on the whole the day was quiet.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS.

Over the fields of France and Flanders where terrific struggles have been waged, almost without intermission, since March 21st, there has come what appears to be a lull, and official reports tell little of actual conditions. They say that the situation is unchanged, which may indicate that both sides are exhausted by their exertions. In the engagements which have been fought, or that they are busy bringing up artillery and fresh troops to renew the struggle. Correspondents at the front tell of miserable weather with cold rain, and sleet to add to the already known condition of the low lands, which are virtually quagmires, through which men and supplies can be moved with difficulty. The armies have been fighting in flat marshy country since April 9th, and this ground, had enough under normal conditions, has been made more impassable by rain and the tempest of high explosives which have blasted roads and fields. It appears, however, that the Germans have not repeated their thrust along the line running north of Bethune where they met with a sanguinary repulse on Wednesday and Thursday. They employed about 75,000 men along a line variously reported to be from six to ten miles in length, but gained little or no ground. The LaBassee Canal front is still in British hands, and bridges flung across it by the enemy have been swept away by artillery fire. The blow, aimed by the French at the very apex of the German line in Picardy, has not been followed up, and apparently it is difficult to believe that the counter offensive, when it comes, will be launched in this sector. Advances from France would seem to indicate that the blow will be struck at another part of the battle line. The southern end of the front, in France, has shared the quiet that has enveloped other sectors, only raiding and artillery duels are reported there. An interesting despatch tells of the movement of Italian troops to France. This would point to one of two developments: either the Italian Front is in no danger at the present moment, or else General Foch is calling every available man to swell the army that he will hurl at the foe when the moment for battle arrives. It is possible, however, that the forces of the Italians en route to the French front is comparatively small. The German torpedo boat flotilla has been active along the coast line sector and has shelled Belgian positions there. This may foreshadow a German attempt to drive west through Newport. The long range bombardment of Paris ceased for 48 hours, and it was hoped the French had found the exact location of a heavy German gun and put it out of action. This hope, however, failed when the bombardment resumed on Friday evening. The Turks are continuing their attacks in Caucasia and are approaching Kars, the leading city of one of the districts given to Turkey, under the treaty of Brest-Litovsk. They are already in control of Batum where they captured 3,100 men of whom 600 were officers. In Italy, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia there has been no recent fighting reported.

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BOMB DROPPING INCREASES.

LONDON, To-day. The British official communication dealing with aviation last night, says, the weather made it impossible on Thursday for our airplanes to carry out more than a few reconnaissances, and to drop a few bombs in the battle area at night. Nine tons of bombs were dropped on Bapaume, Arras, and the railway junction at Chaunies. All of our machines returned.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO RESIGN.

TOKYO, April 20. According to the Nichi, Viscount Ichiro Motono, Japanese Foreign Minister, has announced his intention to tender his resignation. His health is given as the reason for his decision.

CANADA IN THE LEAD.

OTTAWA, Ont., To-day. The passing of the Military Manpower Resolution by both Houses of Parliament yesterday, will be followed by the calling to the colors of unmarried men and widowers, from 20 to 22 years of age, both inclusive, and who have been granted exemption. All exemptions in the cases indicated, will be cancelled, although the Minister of Militia may grant leave of absence, without pay to any man. By resolution, the death, disablement, or service of other members of the same family, while on active service in any theatre of actual war, as the men to be called up, were included in class one and will report for service or claim exemption by the proclamation issued last October. It is stated that no further proclamation will be necessary in their case. The course followed, will probably be the same as was adopted when the first category was called up some time ago. Each man will be notified by the district registrar when and where he is to report for duty. Should men of 19 be subsequently called out, however, a further proclamation will be necessary, as they were not covered by the October proclamation. It is expected that the procedure to be adopted, will be officially announced to-day.

WOMEN TO BE CONSCRIBED.

LONDON, To-day. Sir Wm. James Bull has given notice that he will submit to the House of Commons a resolution to extend the Military Service Act to all unmarried women between ages of 19 and 30, for work of national importance. Sir William is Unionist member for Hammersmith.

COLLEGE MEN SENT HOME.

LONDON, To-day. It is announced in Dublin, according to a despatch to the Post, that in view of the possible operation of Conscription, young men at colleges in different parts of the country are being sent to their homes, and clerical students at Maynooth, except those receiving final orders, will leave for home at once. Students from St. John's College, Waterford, already have left for home, and the same rule applies to numerous colleges around Dublin. Shop assistants also are returning to the country.

NOT THE TIME FOR A TOO EASY OPTIMISM.

LONDON, To-day. Before the present German offensive began, German officers in neutral countries were prepared to bet that the Germans would succeed in dividing the forces of the Allies within a fortnight, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, declared in a speech last night at Hitchin that he had been informed. A month has passed and the Germans have not succeeded, he continued, but we would be wickedy foolish if we believed the battle had ended. We have

an indefinite period of terrible and strenuous struggle before us and we must not underestimate our enemy, who has had the great advantage of 50 years of preparation for war, a favorable geographical position and united command; but British soldiers who have withstood the Germans for four years on equal terms have proved that their valor is equal to German training. While recently our forces in France were placed with the armies under the command of that great soldier, General Foch, Lord Robert did not think that the enemy's formidable advantage would decide the battle in his favor, but the Allies must not come under the way of a too easy optimism. The Minister of Blockade referred to the revelations of Prince Lichnowsky, former German Ambassador to London, and other proofs, showing that Germany was absolutely unchanged since she strove to lull the world to sleep by talk of peace, while planning this attack. Since the battle has begun there has been no talk of peace and nothing has been heard but talk of German annexations, indemnities, increased power of the German military caste, and the slavery of the rest of the world. He concluded, we are fighting indubitably for the freedom of the world, and any one who says the Germans desire to live in peace with their neighbors, and are ready to make a just and righteous peace, is indulging in self-deception.

THREE SHOTS ONLY.

PARIS, To-day. Yesterday's long range bombardment, which consisted of three shots, at wide intervals, resulted in no casualties and did little damage. One shell went through the roof of a house penetrated a workshop on the sixth floor, and passed through the back wall, crossed the courtyard and into a building in the rear, finally bursting on the staircase. A number of people were employed here, but all had left the building before the shell fell.

A LYNCHING BEE.

HONOLULU, Okla., To-day. Henry Rheimer, suspected of disloyalty, was hanged by a crowd of 50 men here last night, but after he had swung until he had become semi-conscious, the police persuaded the would-be executioners to cut him down, on the promise that he would be given a trial by the county council of defence to-morrow morning.

THE SEADLER ADDLED.

HONOLULU, To-day. Fifty-eight members of the crew of the German raider Seadler, who operated in the South Pacific ocean, until it was wrecked, have been interned in Chile, according to an announcement by Naval authorities here. The Seadler sank a number of American vessels and was wrecked on an island in the Pacific. The crew was transferred to a captured vessel and continued their raids on commerce until they were captured.

Prisoner Escapes.

Thomas Rohar, a prisoner from the Penitentiary, escaped while working in the grounds around Government House to-day. It appears that the man sought permission to get a drink of water, and using that as pretext for longer absence than usual, "hooked" beforehand having a suit of clothes concealed in a barn which he slipped on over his uniform. Guard Hammond who was in charge has knowledge of the "bird's" whereabouts, and expects to bring him down this evening.

MR. EMPLOYER! How many men eligible for the Regiment have you in your employ to-day?

For Bell Island. The s.s. Fogota, which has been placed at the disposal of the Soldiers' Recruiting Committee, by Hon. J. C. Crosbie, left for Bell Island at 1 o'clock this afternoon, where the first outport meeting will be held. The ship was gallily decorated with bunting in honor of the occasion. The C.C.C. band accompanied the party, and as the steamer left the wharf, played appropriate music. We wish the soldiers every luck.

Telegram From Secy. of State to Governor.

(Received April 19th, 1918.)

Official News, To-day.—Operations for week ending 18th April. The Lys battle absorbed almost the entire German energies, straining at same time the only knowledge of the stake would enable a successful resistance to be maintained. The enemy's advance had been diverted from the South by a solid wall encountered at Ghentchy, and Westward of pressure being gradually removed to the front and north flank of attack. Arrmentiers was evacuated to avoid an encircling movement, whereas two German armies, north and south thereof, joined hands. British divisions on the north and south flanks remained firm, but attack in centre continued till it crossed the River Laje and captured Merville, Merris and Neuvellies, where after the advance appeared checked. The struggle narrowed to one for three points, Bailleul, Kippe Forest and Montkimmel, with objective the capture of Westward. Long weeks of fluctuating fighting, villages changed hands, but at the end Bailleul fell and the enemy occupied Meteren, Wellereham, Wytschaete, and practically the whole of the Messines Ridge fell to him. Forward line eastward of Ypres then became untenable and was abandoned without the knowledge of the enemy. Fighting at every point was of the most desperate kind, but the enemy realised his little chance and the further exploitation of his successes in any direction, but northern. North western, where discovering a weak spot, he concentrated a full attack, but nevertheless the net result to him was but small gain of territory at a cost of severe losses in killed and wounded. The situation, though serious, gives grounds for confidence, but fighting must continue long, while German reinforcements are being sent to the front. The enemy reckoned on an impetuous rush of highly trained troops to smother the British lines and shatter the morale of the whole Entente. He concentrated on the British line alone, because manoeuvring space to their rear was so restricted and also because a decision would give him the Coast. He also expected, thereby, to affect French morale where he had been exercising the whole ingenuity of his propaganda, by calling into question their mutual loyalty. But the Allies, having decided on a French offensive, in which they have implicit faith, are now willing to face all losses till the time arrives for a counterstroke. Since the enemy selected the British for an attack, the British must bear the brunt for a time. Neither inevitable losses, nor yielding unimportant ground, succeeded in shaking the Allied confidence in troops or leaders. German methods of trying to rush soldiers into precipitate action, and trying to undermine the patience and civilian populations, in general, is well understood. During the earlier part of last week, weather conditions on the Western front have been unfavorable for flying, our aircraft, however, though compelled to fly as low as 200 feet, maintained a continual watch on the enemy's lines and attacked troops and transports with bombs and machine guns, whenever possible. Statements of prisoners confirm heavy casualties and confusion caused by these tactics at all stages of the battle. Weather improved on the 12th, and gave exceptional opportunity to the Royal Air Force, which surpassed all previous records. Over 3,000 photographs were taken in spite of efforts of enemy aircraft. Forty hostile machines were brought down out of control. From statements of prisoners and observation, our pilots manifest that these heavy losses are draining enemy's aviation resources, with which his reserve parks did it increasingly difficult to cope. On the same day, 55 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on the battle field. The Food Ministry reports that notwithstanding substantial enforced reduction in the amount of meat consumed, there has been a notable absence of complaint from any quarter. Heavy workers are now receiving supplementary rations of bacon during the summer period, and considerable imports from America. Bacon not needed for immediate consumption is being stored against the winter period. The national economies are being effected in the consumption of bread, which is on a lower level than the same period last year. The Food Survey Board have organized a national factory for utilisation of meat residuals hitherto wasted. This factory now is producing daily about a ton of black puddings, which are exempted from coupon restrictions, and are in large demand. National kitchens are making rapid progress—3 fresh ones opened this week. The Board of Trade reports textile Exports Shipping Committee set up to ration available shipping space, among export houses, to port difficulty having been experienced in providing sufficient tonnage for export of textiles to distant countries.



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Casualty List.

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Wounded and Missing, April 19th.
Lieut. Lorenzo Moore, Riverview, Albert County, N.B.
London General Hospital, London.
Pte. Joseph Hurley, Brandon, previously reported.
Pte. Philip Stickleland, Pass Hermitage Bay, previously reported.
Pte. Archibald Colish, Mus Harbor, previously reported.
Pte. Joseph J. Penney, Eng. Mr. T.B. previously reported.
Pte. Edward Somerton, Trinity, G.S.W., left leg.
Pte. Hazel Fowlow, Trinity, G.S.W., left foot.
Pte. James Huddy, Burin, left thigh.
Pte. Corp. James W. Lyons, G.S.W., right thigh.
Sergt. Wm. P. Carew, Brine, G.S.W., head.
James' Infirmary, Balham.
Sergt. Charles Curlew, Petty Bay of Islands, G.S.W., back.
Pte. Francis Penney, Avon-grovidis right ankle, and back.
Pte. Edward Kennedy, 6 Joy's Bay, G.S.W., left shoulder and arm.
Pte. Lloyd Young, Springdale, diphtheria.
Pte. John Humby, 8 Pilot's G.S.W., head; slight.
Pte. Wm. Cooper, Chapel B.B., G.S.W., left leg; slight.
Pte. Corp. John A. Spencer, G.S.W., Hr. Grace; G.S.W., neck left shoulder.
Sergt. Harry Gover, Trinity, left arm; slight.
Pte. Lionel Squires, Chammas, C.B.; G.S.W., left arm.
Pte. Silas Bird, Cartwright, left shoulder, left finger.
Pte. Ralph Hayter, Trinity, right hand; slight.
Pte. Corp. Arthur Murray, M. M. M. Cove, Bay de Verde; G.S.W.; slight.
Pte. Patrick Barrage, Red Island; G.S.W., face; slight.
London General Hospital.
Pte. Michael O'Brien, Widnes Ferryland, shell wound, left arm.
Pte. C.Q.M.S. Percy O. Wolverton, Bridge St., Oakenates, Salop, G.S.W., right thigh.
Sergt. Isaac M. Lidstone, Petty Cove, Clarke's Beach, C.B.; shell wound, left wrist.
Pte. Baxter Bugden, English Bay, shell wound, left hand.
Pte. Joseph H. Butt, Flat Island; G.S.W., right shoulder.
Pte. Pearce Pritchard, Middle Gumbo, G.S.W., left shoulder.
General Hospital, LeTrepot, April 17.
Pte. F. Kennedy, Atwood, Safe B.B.; seriously ill; G.S.W.—but General Hospital, Wincereux, April 13.
Pte. Alexander Parsons, Swater, Bell Island; G.S.W., left hand.
Pte. Robert Stone, Old Bonaville, G.S.W., left arm; mild.
Pte. Lawrence Paul, Bishop's G.S.W., chest.
Pte. Arthur Baker, Smith's Bay, T.B.; G.S.W., left finger.
General Hospital, Bonlogne, April 13.
Pte. Ernest Blake, Barr'd Island, Foggo; G.S.W., left buttock; mild.
General Hospital, Bonlogne, April 13.
Pte. Bernard Murphy, Catalina; shell wound, accidental; mild.
Australian General Hospital, Bonlogne, April 9.
Pte. Wm. R. Tilley, Kelligers, lacerated wound, finger, right; mild.
April 19th, at Military Hospital, Down Camp, Winchester, N.S.W.
Pte. Harold T. Morris, Bay St. George; cause of death not yet diagnosed.
J. R. BENNETT, Minister of Militia.

Here and There.

PROBABLE ARRIVE.—Six schrs. from the Southern Shore reached port today for supplies.

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CHURCH PARADE.—The Volunteers will hold their regular church parade to-morrow morning, attending to service at their respective churches.

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ILL DOCK.—Some of the sealing crews will have to go on the coast repairs before taking up the coal and other service.

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SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.—Lieut. Herder of the Headquarters who entered hospital last Monday for an operation, was operated on Wednesday of this week and to-day we are pleased to say is much improved.

Everyone can help. Come and see SUNSET, PANTALON & SALIND, Casino Theatre, 30th and May 1st. AID OF JENSEN CAMP.

M. R. O.—The Class will meet to-morrow afternoon at the Synod Building, 7 o'clock. The address will be by the Chairman, who will discuss the subject of "Fifth and Sixth difficulties." All the members of the class are requested to be present and visitors from the outports are especially invited.

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A very quiet but pretty wedding took place on Thursday night at St. Mary's Church, Southside, when Mr. Hedley Mootrey was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Violet Duffitt, by Rev. H. Uphill. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Jennie Laing, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. Herbert Fry. After the ceremony an enjoyable evening was spent by friends and relatives of both bride and groom. The Telegram joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mootrey many years of wedded bliss.—Com.

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