

# GERMAN SOLDIER, PRISONERS, CURSE THE KAISER

## BRITISH ARTILLERY MADE THE GERMAN POSITIONS HORROR AND SHAMBLES

### Terrific Hell of Shell Fire Had Perceptible Effect On Morale of Teutons — "As Fighters They Are Finished," remarked British Officer

#### German Prisoners Hungry and Tired of War—Some of them Declared Kaiser was Finished and Cursed their Imperial Ruler.

New York, April 11.—A news agency despatch published here today follows:

"With the British army ahead, April 11—Swept forward by a storm of shells the like of which has never before been seen even in this greatest of wars, the British advance jammed its way still further through the German wall of steel today.

"It was possible today to understand in a way why the British losses in the great spring offensive to date have been far less than the minimum anticipated. British artillery in its concentrated fury of discharge literally churned the ground the Germans held. It was the same story over again that was first told when the Germans started their retreat. They had to go back. British artillery had made their positions a horror, a shambles, a sea of hummocky earth, pock-marked by craters.

Cyclonic Fire.

"German prisoners today led back behind the lines declare the British fire was so cyclonic that many of their officers fled for their lives at the first titanic outburst. The terrific hail of shell fire had a perceptible effect on the morale of the Germans.

"As fighters, they are finished," re-

## CADROANS CONTINUE ADVANCE

### Terrific Effect of British Artillery Preparation Shown by Inspection of Battlefield — Spoils of War Large.

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 11.—The ground won in Monday's great battle gives evidence of the terrific effect of the artillery preparation on a scale believed never before to have been attempted.

The German tactics in withdrawing from the first line to their deep dugouts when the bombardment began, and leaving only their patrol exposed, is fully explained by the condition of the enemy's line, which is smashed at almost beyond recognition at some points.

Gun Fire Intense.

Our barrage and direct fire were so intense that the Germans sought to escape it by advancing. The number of their dead found well forward in the front lines in such position as to indicate hand-to-hand fighting, and the utter sweeping away of their protective wire which the enemy believed impregnable, must have had a most depressing effect on them.

Their wire was practically no obstacle, so splendidly was the artillery preparation carried out.

Canadian Co-operate.

The co-operation of the British, with their heavier guns, and the Canadian gunners, added much to the effectiveness, and confidence in our infantry's ability to keep the Germans on the move. This confidence is greatly strengthened by this latest demonstration that the German barb wire is no longer a bar to a carefully prepared advance.

The spoil in war material is large, and will increase as the remaining unexplored ground is cleared. A partial list of the guns taken by the Canadian corps at the front shows two eight-inch, two six-inch, and several non-descript, including one gun of four-inch calibre dated 1881. This indicates that the enemy is using everything in the shape of guns at disposal. Fifty machine guns are already enumerated as taken, and many more may come this (Tuesday) afternoon.

The advance of the Canadian troops has been rapid. In the northern part of the front, and further progress is being made, with a number of additional prisoners taken.

## TEUTON PRESS MINIMIZES RETREAT

Amsterdam, April 11, via London.—German press comment on the Arras battle is characterized by insistence on the fact that the British failed to break through the German lines. The Kölnische Zeitung says since the British advance at its farthest point, was only five kilometres deep the attempt was a failure.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "We may be sure that Hindenburg and Ludendorff had good grounds for not withdrawing also from the Arras front to new positions, which were fortified, at their full leisure. German headquarters doubtless reckoned on the battle. It was not abandoned, therefore not feared, and perhaps it is not too bold to say that it lay direct in the plan of the German chief of command."

of the sea lane to Europe. Whether the latter will necessitate the actual sending of American war craft to the other side has not been announced, but if it does, arrangements already have been made to offer the port of Brest, in France, as an American base.

The military participation of the United States also probably will be discussed in broad terms, though it is realized on all sides that this country will not attempt to send an army to Europe for the present.

The complete reversal of American relations to the Entente Powers through the abandonment of neutrality in favor of war will necessitate an entire readjustment of the country's diplomatic situation. The allied policies of blockade, mail censorship, blacklist, and rationing of Holland and Scandinavia, must now be considered by the United States from an entirely new angle.

The United States is stated, therefore, to find itself in a dilemma between the policies of its allies, the exigencies of the war and its own views of international law. The allied governments are understood to appreciate this situation, and so anxious not to make it more difficult. As a result it is probable that the inter-departmental board of the departments of state, treasury and justice, will recommend to congress laws which will restate the American policy without crippling the huge machinery already set up by the allies for bringing Germany to terms.

Neither side, it is understood, will miss the opportunity of appealing to the other as to the eventual peace terms, and the reconstruction of the world. It is well appreciated abroad that this country is not in perfect sympathy with some of the peace terms of the Entente, and that it does not look to see a complete crushing of Germany as some of the Entente countries demand.

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### HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, April 11.—The marriage of Miss Laura Winnifred Steeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Steeves, Edgett's Landing, and James DeForest Steeves, son of Mrs. J. N. Steeves of Albert Mines, was solemnized on Wednesday, April 4th, at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. W. Schurman in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The wedding march was played by Miss Mildred Steeves. The bride was gowned in a pretty gown of crepe de chine with blue silk trimmings and was attended by her sister, Miss Naomi Steeves. The groom was supported by his brother, Vaughn Steeves. After the ceremony a vaunted supper was served. The bride was the recipient of many presents.

Miss Catherine Thompson of Mt. Allison Ladies' College, is visiting at her home here.

Miss Daisy Allen is visiting friends in Fredericton this week.

### ROLL CALL AND REMINISCENCE SERVICE.

The roll call and reminiscence service in connection with the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of Waterloo street, United Baptist church last evening was well attended by the members. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, occupied the chair, and after a brief devotional service made a few opening remarks concerning the past of the church and the work of the future.

Mr. Jacob Smith, the clerk then read a very interesting and instructive paper on the history of the church.

The Rev. Gideon Swin, a former pastor, was next heard in an inspiring address, recalling many happy days in the work of the church throughout its long history.

A letter of congratulation was read from Rev. A. J. Prosser of Upper Canada N. S., and at one time pastor of this church. A letter was also read from Mrs. G. Baird, of Andover, N. B. This was followed by the roll call, members responding by placing an envelope containing a birthday offering on the plate. Other gifts are expected from members who were unable to attend. The amount so far received is \$187.16.

The rest of the evening was spent in personal reminiscences and the inspiring meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

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### TENNANT'S COVE

Tennant's Cove, April 11.—Herbert L. Jones of Beulah, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Palmer on Sunday.

Mrs. Albert C. Jones was the guest of her father, Mr. Josiah Urquhart, on Sunday last.

### DIED.

HICKSON—in this city, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., after a lingering illness, Arthur W. Hickson, aged 49 years, Principal of Centennial School, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Thursday at Avonmore, Kings County.

DONOHUE—At Boston, Mass., on April 10, Alice M. Donohue, daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Donohue, leaving two brothers and one sister to mourn.

Funeral today (Thursday) at 2:30 o'clock from 114 Waterloo street, to St. Mary's Church.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Geo. A. Scott, who departed this life April 12th, 1915. I miss thy kind and willing hand, Thy fond and earnest care, My home is dark without thee, I miss thee everywhere. (Sgd.) WIFE.

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN PRAISES CANADIAN AERIAL EXPERTS

London, April 11.—(Via Reuters's Ottawa Agency)—During the course of his speech in accepting the freedom of the city of Edinburgh today, Sir Robert Borden made an important reference to the British aerial service. In this connection he said:

"In no part of the vast and complex organization requisite to modern warfare was there greater need for foresight and increased effort of mechanical genius and industrial achievement of the highest order than in the organization and equipment of the air service.

Canadians Daring.

"Canadians joined that service in large numbers, and I am proud to know that they have been found daring, resourceful and efficient. Any criticism of its organization and management, therefore, arouses my deepest interest. Throughout the empire there is, naturally, in respect to the prosecution of the war, much criticism of effort, method and result. Criticism of our aerial service is particularly important fact to realize and remember is this: That the British air service is undertaking extensive duties of vital importance to the operations in the field—duties which are not being carried on and never attempted, at least to anything like the same extent, by the German air service. The more extensive service in the air thus carried on for essential purposes must inevitably be attended by increased losses. And the real question is as to the value of the information thus obtained, when compared with the loss sustained in acquiring it. On this question the military authorities entertain no doubt. The casualties among officers are necessarily great, because the proportion of officers in the air service is very much larger than in the other services.

"I take leave to put forward these considerations because unfounded rumors of criticism tending to discourage the spirit of British airmen are detrimental, and should not be continued. I doubt arises as to the facts it would be well, through information to a gathering of members, or by means of a secret session, to disclose to parliament the information already afforded to the imperial war cabinet."

BRAZIL HANDS GERMAN MINISTER HIS PASSPORTS.

London, April 11.—A despatch to Reuters's Telegram Company from Rio Janeiro says passports were handed to the German minister at Petropolis, the German colony, Tuesday morning.

## WAR COUNCIL TO MEET AT WASHINGTON

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Beyond the statement that the object of the commission is to discuss generally questions of policy connected with the war, no information was given at the value of the information it was made clear, however, that in no way will the United States government depart from the traditional policy of avoiding anything in the nature of political interference, though it does not exclude full and intimate military and naval co-operation in the prosecution of the war.

While it is by no means certain that there will be a joint meeting of the visiting commissions, if the state department should desire to avoid the appearance of an alliance there is certain to be concert of action in some way.

The conference is stated to have been sought by the allied leaders themselves in order to discuss every phase of the war.

Balfour Remembered.

No attempt will be made to go into details or technical considerations, as the general policies involved are too stupendous to permit of it. The calibre of the men sent, particularly Foreign Secretary Balfour, who is remembered here most warmly for his earnest endorsement of President Wilson's plan for world federation to insure peace, and Minister of Justice Viviani, one of the first half-dozen statesmen of France, is very gratifying to officials. Both men, it is recalled, have held the post of premier in their respective governments.

One of the first questions to be taken up will be the distribution of the three billion dollar loan to the Allies which President Wilson has asked congress to provide.

The greatest problem before the conference is stated to be the maintenance of the flow of American munitions and food supplies to Europe. This will be sought, first, by naval co-operation to fight the German submarine; second, by the construction of a huge fleet of wooden merchantmen to negate its destructiveness, and third, by ways and means to increase American manufactures and the allies' ability to pay for the products.

Naval co-operation is understood to contemplate the policing of all North and South American waters by the American navy, allowing the return of the British and French vessels engaged in that work, and the safeguarding by American ships of the coast part

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## BRITISH CAPTURE VILLAGE OF MONCHY LE P... tinctly Outflank

London, April 11.—The capture of the village of Monchy Le P... by Le Proux early this morning to a British official. The village of La Bergonne captured and satisfactory reports being made on other parts of the battlefield.

British troops yesterday north of this village of La Bergonne in the direction of Cambrai, to a quarter of a mile along 2,000 yards and consolidated during the night.

So telegraphs Reuter's sent from the British military in France.

Reuter's Message

The message of Reuter's sent reads:

"North of the village of La Bergonne, the British pushed forward towards the extent of a quarter of a mile from 2,000 yards and a quarter of a mile along the slope of Vimy Ridge.

"The splendid success of the British has created a most intense interest in the Imperial Ministry of War.

Department of Inspection

There are from time to time in the munition plants for examiners under the Department of the Imperial Ministry of War. Candidates apply in person to the local inspector, Semi-ready Bldg., King John, N. B. Appointment will be given on the personal merits of dates which will be required two references, preferably from previous employers. In making consideration will be given with previous mechanical returned soldiers of good and equally suitable, will be preference over civilians.

Carmarthen Street Easter

The Easter offering for the then street Methodist church completed at the Epworth Hall evening and totaled the amount of \$224.

## Relief in Canada

"Of the troops for service in Canada is necessary not be left for home defense. Canada has of her son noble part in deeds of valour and time and the British maintain it. Liberty and Canada's duty.

In order that Canadian present service released for is now in Canada for to volunteer joining the ranks, is those who undertake this movement home defense.

SIR

## Military Halifax—63rd 66th