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BATTLE LOSSES OF FOE BIGGEST KNOWN IN WAR

Two Hundred Thousand Minimum German Casualties Before Verdun.

FRENCH GIVE PROOFS

Enemy's Reinforcements Used Up as Fast as Put in Line.

PARIS, April 7.—The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here today from a semi-official source—"the result of careful inquiry made in the highest quarters, in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

"Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permits the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given to the Associated Press. "During the period from Feb. 21, when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely, the 3rd and the 13th, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in the first attacks at least one-third of their force. They have reappeared since and have again suffered like losses."

Reinforcements Used Up.—The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effectives of the 13th Corps have in this way lost 17,000 men, and the 3rd Corps has lost 22,000 men.

"Concerning the 121st division, which took possession of north Yaux about March 12, we have precise information. More than one-half the 7th royal assault Tuesday."

ITALY'S CABINET CHANGES.—ROME, April 7, via Paris, 4:04 p.m.—Gen. Alfieri has been appointed under-secretary of state for war, succeeding Major-Gen. Ellis, resigned.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

PART of the 300 yards of ground which the British captured from the Germans at St. Eloi on March 27 was retaken by them yesterday, but the fighting has not reached a decision, and it would be premature to concede the Germans any permanent gains until it is over. The Germans reported yesterday: "German troops, after careful preparation and tenacious fighting, conquered British crater positions south of St. Eloi defended by Canadian troops." As a crater is usually held by a small number of men, 50 to 100, it is improbable that over 200 Canadians at the outside have been engaged in the fighting, barring the artillery. To escape the preparatory bombardment, the troops defending the position probably withdrew to their dugouts, and the Germans were able to spill themselves into the craters before their owners could get back to them. The disputed positions were captured by the Northumberland and the Royal Fusiliers, two British line formations.

British troops also promptly threw out a German raiding party which had penetrated into a trench near the River Ancre after a bombardment. It may be noted that the Germans of late have been active in making raids on British trenches. These forays are probably carried out for the sake of collecting information. It is certain that the spy department of the German general staff is extremely puzzled about the intentions of the allies, since they, in direct contravention to the doctrine taught in all higher German military schools, refrained from launching a counter-offensive to relieve the pressure on Verdun, and as there may have been some moving about of British troops behind the front, the Germans have grown very suspicious and have developed a more voracious appetite for information than usual. Statements that 34 German divisions confront the British army need be cause for no alarm, for the British army in Flanders must be about 60 divisions strong by this time.

General Jan Christian Smuts, whose rapidity of operations must have upset some of the German calculations, reports the winning of another success, when some of his mounted troops, under General Vandervler, surprised a German force stationed with machine guns in a mountain stronghold in the Arusha region, surrounded it on Tuesday, and received its surrender on Thursday. Private letters from the East African front forecast startling developments shortly in this campaign. German East Africa has a population of 10,000,000, and

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CABINET OF CARRANZA IGNORES U.S. REQUEST

No Permission Given to Use Mexican-Railways for Any Purpose.

QUERETARO, Mex., April 7.—The Mexican Government has not given the American Government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever, said Gen. Candido Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign relations, following a meeting of the Carranza cabinet today.

INTERIM SUPPLY BILL HURRIED THRU HOUSE

Authority to Expend Nearly Hundred Million Dollars is Confirmed.

FUNDS RUNNING LOW
One-Fifth of War Credit is Included in the Total Amount.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, April 7.—Sir Robert Borden asked the house tonight for unanimous consent to put thru all stages at one sitting an interim supply bill appropriating \$92,458,587. He explained that estimates had already been passed by the committee of supply aggregating \$38,138,886. The government was taking an interim supply vote of 20 per cent. of the estimates still unvoted. This amounted for \$20,744,081. He was also taking a vote for one-fifth of the \$50,000,000 war credit, namely, \$10,000,000. These added together make the grand total of nearly \$100,000,000.

The fiscal year began on the first of the month and as the date of prorogation is now somewhat indefinite, the government needs some ready money for ordinary expenditures and for the extraordinary expenditures occasioned by the war.

The resolutions went thru committee and the bill founded upon them was at once introduced, read three times, and passed. It will no doubt go thru the senate and receive the royal assent Tuesday.

Sir Thomas White's bill to levy a war tax on business profits got thru committee stage and stands for third reading. After that was disposed of the house went into committee of supply and passed substantially all the estimates of the department of Indian affairs.

FRENCH RETAKE TRENCHES LOST IN NIGHT ONSET

Grenade Attack Ejects Germans From Part of Line Near Bethincourt.

FAILURE AT HAUCOURT

Big German Offensive Against Village Ended in Defeat.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, April 7.—The French today by a hand grenade offensive made some progress in the retaking of the 300 yards of trenches which the Germans had taken in a surprise attack last night southeast of Bethincourt, and they also made an advance in the German communication trenches there. They stopped by a curtain of fire and Maxim fire a German attack against their positions on a front of about a mile and a quarter on the south and in the eastern outskirts of Haucourt Village. East of Bethincourt the Germans rather violently bombarded Le Mort Homme and Cumleres Village. East of the Meuse and in the Westre artillery actions were fought, with the French batteries scattering several gatherings of German troops.

The attack on the French positions on the south and on the eastern outskirts of Haucourt Village was preceded by a violent bombardment of several hours' duration. When the Germans came out to the attack they were swept down by a curtain of artillery fire from the French artillery, and were made in their ranks by innumerable Maxims. They could not face the rain of iron, and without reaching their goal they turned back and took refuge in their own trenches. Many bodies were left behind on the ground by them.

The bombardment of Le Mort Homme and Cumleres Village is believed to precede an infantry attack which may be launched under cover of night.

The attacks made on the Bethincourt salient were exceedingly heavy, and the Germans succeeded in getting into the French lines on the Bethincourt-Chattincourt road, whence they were immediately ejected by a trench counter attack from all but 300 yards of the position. Stricken by an enfilading fire from the dominating positions of the heights, the Germans were forced to shift their night attack from Haucourt to Bethincourt. East of the Meuse the French made further progress in the German communication trenches southwest of the old fort of Douaumont.

NEW LIFE IS INFUSED INTO ARMY OF FRANCE

Complete Rejuvenation is Under Way, Minister of War Tells Critics.

PARIS, April 7, 5:30 p.m.—The age limit of colonels and general officers in the French army was discussed today in the chamber of deputies on a motion to reduce the limit to 69, 60 and 62 years respectively. The motion was referred to a committee.

In the course of the debate General Rouques, the minister of war, said that the age of generals of armies and of army corps now ranged from 48 to 64 years. The army, he said, is on the way of a complete rejuvenation. This remark was greeted with applause.

Deputy Andre Maginot, who spoke with difficulty owing to wounds received at the front, was also applauded for the statement that "after twenty months of war we are justified in seeing the chief command for more activity and more warlike energy."

SOLDIER WAS KILLED BY FALL DOWN STEPS

Private Angus of Winnipeg Was Victim of Accident at Hythe, England.

LONDON, April 7.—A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at the inquest at Hythe today on Pte. Alfred Middleton Angus of Winnipeg, 17th Battalion, who was killed by falling down a flight of steps.

TWO DUTCH STEAMERS ARE REPORTED DAMAGED

One is Being Towed Into Harbor—All of Crew Saved.

LONDON, April 7, 7 p.m.—Lloyd's reports that the Dutch steamer Bemidijk, from Rotterdam, March 18 for Rotterdam, has been damaged and is being towed into harbor. All the crew were saved. The steamer passed the Isle of Wight today.

Lloyd's also reports that the Dutch steamer Rijnwijk, from Portland March 28 for Rotterdam, has been damaged off the Solly Islands.

PORTION OF TRENCHES RETAKEN BY GERMANS

Fighting Still Proceeds for Possession of St. Eloi Salient.

CANADIANS ENGAGED?

Germans Report Capture of Craters Held by Dominion Troops.

LONDON, April 7.—It is admitted in the report of Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British expeditionary force in Flanders, that the Germans yesterday regained a portion of the salient at St. Eloi, from which they were driven by the British attack on March 27, in the fighting which they started yesterday in an endeavor to recover their loss, but the struggle is still going on.

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RIGHTS NOT VIOLATED

WASHINGTON IS TOLD

Britain and France Reply to Protest Regarding Seizure of Mails.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The official translation of the reply of France and Great Britain to the protests of the United States against the seizure and detention of neutral mails was made public tonight by the state department.

It denies any violation of neutral rights and asserts the right and intention of the allies to treat merchandise shipped by parcel post like merchandise in the ordinary course of way, but promises that legitimate neutral mails will not be subjected to avoidable delay.

HOT ALTERCATION IN PARLIAMENT OF P. E. I.

One Member Accused Another of Leaving Conservative Party Under Pressure.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., April 7.—The debates on the address in the provincial legislature closed this afternoon. It lasted a week, every member but one having taken part. The closing hours were enlivened by a scene when Hon. Murdoch Kennedy, a member of the government without portfolio, charged J. J. Johnson, now a Liberal, with leaving the Conservative party because he had been forced to disgorge party funds he had in custody. Mr. Johnson made an indignant denial and a hot time followed. Mr. Kennedy at first declared he would take nothing back, but finally agreed to take back anything offensive he said.

MRS. B. GODFREY DEAD AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

After a prolonged illness of fifteen months Mrs. Bathia Godfrey, widow of the late Gen. Godfrey of Galt, Ont., died at her residence at 418 Buxton road yesterday. She was born at Strathroy near Ayr, Scotland, in 1822, coming to Canada when quite young. The late Mrs. Godfrey was an ardent church worker and a member of the College Street Baptist Church, she is survived by four children, Mrs. A. Adams of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Chas. H. Dando, Galt, Ont.; Miss Jessie G. Godfrey and Capt. M. D. Godfrey, Toronto.

A service will be held at 8:30 Sunday evening at her late residence. The funeral will take place from her daughter's residence at Galt, Ont., on Monday afternoon, to Trinity Cemetery.

BRITISH READY FOR ASSAULT ON TURK LINES AT SANNIYAT

GERMAN FORCE YIELDS TO GEN. SMUTS' TROOPS

Enemy Surrounded in Mountain Stronghold in Arusha Region, East Africa, and Compelled to Surrender.

LONDON, April 7.—9:41 p.m.—Another success for the British in East Africa is reported by Lieut-Gen. Jan C. Smuts, commander of the British expedition operating against the Germans in the following despatch: "As the result of a movement commenced on the afternoon of Monday, mounted troops, under Gen. Vanderventer, successfully surprised a German force with machine guns, stationed in a mountain stronghold in the Arusha region. This force was surrounded during the course of Tuesday and surrendered Thursday morning."

CANADIAN OFFICERS SEVERELY WOUNDED

Several Have Been Taken Recently to Hospitals in London and Boulogne.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, April 7.—Captain Bill Templeton, with a gun-shot wound in his chest, and Major Maxfield, with a gun wound in the thigh are in London. Lieutenant Ogilvy Wells, cavalry, dangerously wounded in head, shoulder and leg; Lieutenant Ware seriously wounded in neck and chest, and Lieutenant MacDonald, Engineers, are in the hospital at Boulogne.

RAILWAYS DOING BEST TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Reid and Kemp Reply to Criticisms of Service Given.

EMBARGOES JUSTIFIED

Complaint Made That Restriction Applies to Shipments of Petroleum.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 7.—Upon the orders of the day in the house, Mr. Turrill of Assiniboia complained of another coal famine in the west, occasioned by a tie-up on some branch lines of the Canadian Northern.

Hon. J. D. Reid, acting minister of railways, said that section of the country was in the grip of a blizzard. He was satisfied that the company was doing everything that could be done under heaven to move the traffic and that Chairman Drayton of the railway commission, was looking after the situation.

Mr. Descaerres (Jacques Cartier), read a letter from the Imperial Oil Co. complaining of the embargo placed by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk companies upon shipments of petroleum and petroleum products, some of which are required in the manufacture of munitions.

Hon. A. E. Kemp said the embargo had been lifted. There was a congestion of traffic, he explained, which has justified the railways in placing embargoes on many shipments.

Answering another inquiry, the minister of justice stated that provision was being made for utilizing interned prisoners for farm labor in the west. The scheme would be operated under the supervision of Sir Wm. Otter, who had gone to Winnipeg for that purpose.

CONVICTED OF MURDER OF A POULTRY DEALER

Archello Declared to Have Been Assassin of Barnett Baff.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Giuseppe Archello was convicted of the murder of Barnett Baff, a poultry dealer, in November, 1914, by a jury in supreme court here at 6 o'clock tonight. The verdict was guilty of murder in the first degree.

POLICIES REINSURED.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 7.—All the Canadian policies of the Montreal-Canadian Fire Insurance Company, which is in liquidation, have been reinsured in the Western Assurance Co. of Toronto.

HYDRO RADIALS ARE TO OBTAIN RIGHTS NEEDED

C. N. R. Bills Are Allowed to Stand Over at Borden's Request.

TO ADOPT NEW POLICY

Amendment to Railway Act Will Solve a Knotty Problem

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, April 7.—Sir Adam Beck and the hydro radicals seem to have won their battle against the Canadian Northern. When the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto and the Niagara and Western Railway bills were reached on the order paper tonight Sir Robert Borden, who was leading the house, asked that they stand over. They may come up again on Monday, but it is more likely that they will not be again considered until the so-called "Armstrong amendment" is put in the general Railway Act.

To Amend Railway Act. It will be remembered that last Monday Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton) gave notice of an amendment providing in substance that no construction work under the C.N.R. charters should be proceeded with unless and until the building of the lines was declared to be in the public interest by the Dominion board of railway commissioners. This amendment was suggested by Sir Adam Beck, and he was willing that the bill should pass with such an amendment incorporated. The Canadian Northern at once

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PROTECTION OF HOLLAND BRITAIN'S FIRM POLICY

Victory of Germany Would Be Perpetual Menace to Dutch.

THE HAGUE, via London, April 7, 5:07 p.m.—The Nieuwe Courant today prints an interview with Sir Alan Johnston, the British minister here, in which he is quoted as declaring that Great Britain will do nothing to prejudice the independence of Holland.

"The victory of Germany, now happily impossible," says the minister in the quoted interview, "would be a perpetual menace to the integrity and independence of Holland, and the cardinal point of England's policy is that the integrity and independence of Holland should be maintained and strengthened."

Reconnoitre Position on Tigris and Bring Up Heavy Artillery—Stormy Weather and Floods Complicate Situation.

LONDON, April 7.—Stormy weather in Mesopotamia has complicated the situation along the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, where a British relief force is fighting its way to the relief of Gen. Townshend's beleaguered garrison at Kut and recently has made marked progress toward its goal, says a British official statement issued this evening.

A further rise of the Tigris, accentuating the flood conditions, also is reported.

The official communication follows: "It appears that the second Felahie position carried by the 13th division in the course of a determined advance consisted of several lines of deep trenches. The northern flank rested on the Hawkeek swamps and the southern flank on the Tigris River. "During the day of April 6 and the night of April 6-7 the operations on the north (left) bank of the river were confined to close reconnaissance of the Sarrazat defences and the execution of the measures necessary to the movement of artillery preparatory to an assault upon this position. "On the south (right) bank the advance of the 13th division continued until positions were reached from which an enfilading fire could be brought up on Turkish defences on the opposite bank. "The situation is somewhat complicated by the continuance of stormy weather and the fact that the floods in the Tigris are increasing."

TURKS KEEP MUM.

LONDON, April 7, 11:15 p.m.—The Turkish official communication received here today is silent with regard to the campaign of the British and Turks in Mesopotamia, merely reporting that there has been no change in the situation on any front.

BORDEN SENT TORPEDO TOWARD THE SENATE

Cloran Uses Figurative Language to Relieve His Injured Feelings.

PROUD OF "OLD SHIP"

Premier's Remarks on Obstruction of Naval Bill Are Challenged.

OTTAWA, April 7.—In the senate today Senator Cloran stated that the remarks attributed to Sir Robert Borden that he would have introduced the naval bill only if he was certain the senate would kill it constituted an attack upon the rights and privileges of the upper house, as well as upon the honor and independence of its members.

"The senate has been attacked in the past but the old ship has come safely thru all the storms," said Senator Cloran. "It is a surprise to have a torpedo directed against the senate from the defunct naval bill under the command of Admiral Sir R. L. Borden."

He challenged the statement that the senate was responsible for the fact that Canada had not furnished naval aid. The premier had said that he had sent emissaries and had been assured the bill had no chance of passing. The senator wanted to know what senators had given this assurance.

There was no reply and Senator Cloran promised to bring the matter up again on motion.

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