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London, April 30—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The correspondents agree that the enemy has suffered nothing less than a disastrous defeat in first phase of the battle consequent on their desperate attempt to capture the line of hills held by the Allies, which endanger their possession of Mont Kemmel. They have probably used thirteen divisions from the east Ypres southward on the line of battle, with two more northward, and the violence of the gun-fire was never greater or more unceasing at any period of the war.

Our successful defence made the day the bloodiest yet experienced by the enemy, as attack after attack was smashed by our artillery and rifle fire. The Germans had already suffered heavily on Sunday, when their concentrations of troops were caught and shattered by gun-fire. Their waves yesterday were mowed down and the British wings and French centre neither bent nor broke.

ENEMY ATTEMPT IS DOUBLE THRUST.
With the British Army in France, April 29—(By the Associated Press)—This has been one of the bitterest days of fighting that the Flanders battle ground has seen since the present offensive began.

Since early morning Von Arnim has been flinging great numbers of German troops against the Allied lines between Zillebeke Lake and Baillied, with the hills east of Mont Kemmel as his ultimate objective.

At the same time a secondary thrust has been made at the Belgians in the region of the Yser, north of Ypres.

When the correspondent left the battlefield shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the German commander had nothing to show for his pretentious drive but a long list of dead and wounded.

Along the major portion of the front his troops have been held, but where they succeeded by superior weight of numbers in pushing forward they were soon ejected by counter drives. The Allied line was intact throughout at that hour.

The Germans pushed on between Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge. A counter-attack by the French, however, gradually pushed the dogged Germans back until Loree had been regained and the whole line re-established. Meantime, the British were holding with traditional valor and not an inch did they allow the hard hitting enemy, in spite of the fact that the defenders were greatly outnumbered.

One regiment which was holding a position astride the Kemmel-Laclytte road had repulsed four fierce attacks up to the time that the correspondent left the front. In and out, the fighting continued at Voormezele at latest reports.

The Germans made strenuous efforts to capture the place, but the British clung tenaciously to their points and the best the enemy could claim was a footing in the hamlet.

On the Belgian front fortune was also with the defenders, for the Belgians in a spirited counter-attack drove the enemy back after the latter had pushed in and secured a few advanced posts.

The hills were being continuously bombed and Ypres was smothered with gas.

The German casualties were exceedingly heavy. The fighting was still continuing with great fury at latest reports.

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FINNISH FORCES KILL SIX THOUSAND OF RED GUARDS

London, April 30—The White Guards, or Finnish government forces, have captured Viborg, 75 miles northwest of Petrograd, after killing nearly the entire force of 6,000 Red Guards, according to an official announcement issued at Vaasa and transmitted from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The rebels made a last desperate attempt to break through in the direction of Fredriksham.

GOMPERS NOT SICK, BUT OVER TIRIED

Montreal, April 30—That he was not sick, but over tired, following a strenuous whirlwind speaking tour, was the statement made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who was compelled to leave the platform at the Monument Nationale here last night in the middle of a speech to labor men. Mr. Gompers had spoken four times since Friday, making a particularly arduous speech yesterday afternoon at the Canadian Club.

TORONTO STOCK YARDS.

Toronto, April 30—The market at the Union Stock Yards this morning was steady in all lines. Trade was very slow. Receipts 25 cars; 458 cattle, 74 calves, 600 hogs and five sheep.

"WE ARE GOING TO CARRY OUT OUR MANDATE"

Government Will Obey Wish of
Majority That Canada Should
Prosecute War Vigorously, Says
Hon. N. W. Rowell

Bowmanville, Ont., April 29—You have placed this government in power to prosecute this war, and see that Canada does her duty, and we are going to carry out our mandate. We are going to throw Canada's power into the struggle to help preserve our homes and liberty and secure a just and lasting peace.

WHAT HUNS WANT FROM HOLLAND

Demand Right To Send War
Material Through Country And
Ship Foodstuffs From Antwerp
—No Agreement Yet

Amsterdam, April 30—Germany demands from Holland, says the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, the right to send war material over the Limburg railway to Antwerp, the right to send foodstuffs for shipment from Antwerp, and the renewal of treaties relating to the importation of sand and gravel.

THREE KILLED IN U. S. STEAMER'S FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE

Washington, April 30—Three members of the American steamer *Chincha's* crew were killed, the navy department announced today, in the ship's fight with a submarine on March 21. Previous reports had said several men were injured, but made no mention of any having been killed.

BULGARIA YIELDS TO TURKISH DEMANDS

Washington, April 30—Bulgaria has agreed to let Turkey have the Adriatic station on the Karaguch railway, as well as the left bank of the Maritza river up to Kulebi Luszas, according to a despatch today from France. These territories were claimed by Turkey in compensation for the *Bodrudje*.

UNITED STATES CASUALTIES

Washington, April 30—The casualty list today contained fifty-eight names, divided as follows: Killed in action, two; died of wounds, none; died of accident, two; died of disease, six; wounded severely, five; wounded slightly, forty-two; missing in action, one.

AUSTRALIA'S LATEST RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Melbourne, Australia, April 30—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The new recruiting campaign will be inaugurated on May 6, with public meetings in all state capitals of Australia.

The governor of the Commonwealth Bank, referring to the success of the war loan, says that hitherto Australia has loaned £147,000,000 for war purposes.



COAL SUPPLY FOR NEXT WINTER SHOULD BE LAID IN EARLY

Montreal, April 30—Warning to the general public to get their next winter's supply of coal in as speedily as possible, and to companies to unload cars with all due speed, was issued by the railway war board this morning.

The board announced that the railways are most anxious to move the maximum quantity of fuel during the summer months, as they feel that when the fall comes around, with a record volume of grain and other foodstuffs to be moved for overseas, which must take precedence, they will be unable to transport the usual quantity of coal.

The local fuel committee this morning set the price of coal for the year at \$10.25 a ton.

CONSCRIPTION IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., April 30—The government announced yesterday the intention to issue a proclamation under the military service act, immediately the bill receives the governor's assent, calling in the colors men in class one which comprises those between 19 and 24 years of age. The proclamation will provide that those who offer themselves before Empire Day, May 24, will be regarded as volunteers, after which date men will pass under the operation of draft law.

WAS A SUB. ATTACK ON HOSPITAL SHIP

London, April 29—The admiralty announces that it is now considered to be proved conclusively that the British hospital ship *Gulford* was attacked by a German submarine in Bristol Channel on the afternoon of March 10. The vessel was struck by a torpedo and subsequently had a narrow escape from being sunk.

SAYS RESERVE FORCE READY FOR SURPRISE

New York, April 30—The loss of Mont Kemmel, according to Major M. P. Chabelle, of the 22nd Canadian battalion, who arrived today at an Atlantic port by a French steamer, does not mean disaster to the Allies. Major Chabelle, who has been three years on the French battle front and has been several times stationed at Mont Kemmel, said it was indisputably an important hill, commanding the heights around Ypres, but that the Allies could lose it and even Amiens without endangering victory. An immense reserve force, the major said, was waiting to give a big surprise to the Huns.

FOOD RIOTS IN CRAGOV

London, April 30—Serious food riots have broken out in Cragov, Galicia, the Berlin *Vodwerts* reports, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. No new shipments of food have arrived in Cragov in several weeks.

STOCK MARKET REFLECTS REPULSE OF GERMANS

New York, April 30—(Wall Street)—The repulse of the German forces on the western front, was reflected in the strong and broad opening of today's stock market. United States Steel changed hands in lots of 1,000 to 7,000 shares at an advance of one point. Bethlehem Steel, Republic Iron, Baldwin Locomotive, Marine common and preferred, and various specialties made similar gains. Motors, oils, Distillers, Alcohol and American Gas also were strong, but rails held within fractional limits. Liberty bonds were irregular.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over Wisconsin yesterday has moved to Quebec with diminishing energy, showers have occurred in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, while in other provinces the weather has been fine.

Austrian Bid For Separate Peace?

Stockholm, April 30—The Catholic International Press Agency announces a despatch from Bazel says that Emperor Charles of Austria is making a fresh peace offer, appealing to Italy to consider it in her own interest.

Although it has been predicted frequently that if the present German campaign should fail, a "peace offensive" would be inaugurated by the Central Powers, there has been no previous intimation that a new move of this nature was being made. Unless confirmatory advices are received through the usual channels of news from Switzerland, the despatch may be accepted with reserve. Ordinarily news originating in Switzerland is forwarded to this country by way of Paris.

MILLION FRANCS FOR NEWSPAPER STAFF

Paris, April 29—At the trial of Bonnet Rouge editors today M. Duval, director of the Socialist Germanophile paper, was questioned about a million francs brought from Switzerland and distributed among his staff. M. Duval argued the money came from Marx, a Mannheim banker, but was a pre-war deal. It had been left with the proprietress of a Geneva hotel. This woman, in a deposition produced, declared the receipt for the money though dated 1914, should have read 1918, as she had not met Duval before that time.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS REACH HOME SAFELY

Canadian Atlantic Port, April 30—A large steamer having on board 707 returned officers and men of the C. E. F., and 588 civilian passengers, arrived here early this morning from overseas and docked at eight o'clock. Among the military party are twenty-four "original firsts" bound to their homes on furlough.

KING OF THE TONGA ISLANDS IS DEAD

Melbourne, Australia, April 30—George II, King of the Tonga Islands, is dead.

TEN YEARS FOR REFLECTIONS ON BRITISH TROOPS OF 1876.

Los Angeles, April 30—Robert Goldstein, convicted of violating the espionage act by exhibiting a film "The Spirit of '76," containing scenes derogatory to the British troops of the revolutionary period, was sentenced to ten years in federal penitentiary and fined \$5,000 by Federal Judge Bledsoe today. A sentence of two years on a second charge will run concurrently.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, April 30—Forecasts of warmer weather likely to facilitate planting, gave some advantage to bears in the corn market. Continued rains, however, tended to keep prices unsettled. The fact that old corn in cribs was certain to be further damaged by excess moisture was also a disturbing influence. Opening quotations, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 1/2 cent lower, with May 12 1/2% and July 14 1/2%, were followed by a moderate upturn and then a sag lower than before.

DAMP OUTLOOK FOR MAY MOVING DAY

That moving day is to be an exceptional busy one this year and also that it is to be a day of showers and dampness are the probabilities. Several of the prominent express companies in the city expressed opinions this morning that May 1, 1918, would see more moving than ever in years before and this is borne out by the fact that nearly all have been booked up to the limit of their equipment for the last two weeks, and will find themselves swamped with work in the city until Saturday, even then being forced to leave a great deal of orders aside through lack of teams. For the next week or so they are booked heavily also for outside moving for summer residents and others on the outskirts of the city.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Frederick Doyle took place this morning from his late residence, Broad street, to St. John the Baptist church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. F. J. McMurphy. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

WALL STREET AT NOON.

New York, April 30—(Wall Street, noon)—Early gains failed to hold, leaders soon cancelling the greater part of their advance on extensive profit-taking. Later there was a more general reaction which left most popular issues one to two points under yesterday's final quotations. The additional reversal was concurrent with reports that the government contemplates further curtailment of trading in cotton and other commodities. There were rumors of a probable cut in the United States Steel dividends. Steel not only yielded its early gain but became heavy at noon at an extreme reaction of two points.

BIG ADVANCE IN COTTON.

New York, April 30—A big advance in the cotton market this morning, due to excessive rains in the cotton belt, was checked toward noon by reports from Washington, published by a financial news agency, that a movement was being agitated to close the cotton exchanges for the period of the war. Prices which had advanced over 84 1/2 bale above the previous closing, not only lost all this rise, but sold three to five points under last night's figures.

BOY SCOUTS FIGHT FIRE

A party of boy scouts were called out last night to put out a dangerous brush fire back of Portland Place. They belonged to Coburg street, Portland Methodist and the Mission church troops.