

## BRITISH, FRENCH AND BELGIANS REPEL VIOLENT HUN ATTACKS

### ENEMY HURLS HEAVY MASSES OF SOLDIERS AGAINST THE ALLIES

#### Terrific Attacks in Great Battle for Channel Ports Repulsed by British, French and Belgians—Germans Concentrate Immense Numbers of Howitzers and Field Batteries, Roar of the Guns Shaking the Earth Kaiser Watches His Infantry Columns Hurlled back and sees His Guns Destroy Last Villages and Hamlets of King Alberts Unfortunate Country, Belgians Fleeing from Homes—He Also Sees The Streams Run Red With German blood

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard.  
(By Arthur S. Draper).

London, April 29.—The great battle for the channel ports is again raging furiously. After a brief pause following the counter blows delivered by the British and French, the Germans have vainly attempted to follow up their week-end successes south of Ypres. At dawn today the chorus of guns began and the bombardment spread until it extended from Meteren to Vermezele, a distance of ten miles. Simultaneously the hostile artillery became exceedingly active on this front from Niephe Forest to Givenchy and also between Arras and Lens. Shortly after the deluge of gas shells and high explosives, the German infantry attacked in the neighborhood of Loere and Vermezele. Apparently one drive is aimed at Mount Rouge and Scherpenberg, the eastern buttresses of the Flanders range, while the other is pointed westward, two miles south of Ypres.

Field Marshal Haig's report makes no mention of any readjustment of the line east of Ypres, but apparently the enemy started today's attack several hundred yards west of his old positions of 1914 in the neighborhood of Hooge, Hill 60 and the Bluff.

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### JAPAN WILL ACT WITH CONSENT OF THE ALLIES

Empire of the Sea will do Nothing in Siberia Without Their Sanction—Cabinet Crisis in Tokio.

Tokio, April 29.—(By The Associated Press).—Whatever Japan may do in the near future in regard to Siberia will be done with the full consent of her allies, said Baron Shigemitsu Goto, who yesterday was installed as foreign minister, in an interview today. He asserted Japan's honor and righteous intentions would be vindicated, and that the nation's friendship for Great Britain and the United States would remain steadfast, notwithstanding intrigues to cut it asunder.

The view generally taken by the press is that the cabinet changes are a precursor of the downfall of the Terauchi ministry. Although the illness of Foreign Minister Motono presented a strong reason for his retirement, it is believed in some quarters that his resignation was due to primarily a difference of views regarding military action in Siberia, which he is understood to favor. When the United States was invited by Japan to give advice, and questioned the wisdom of the entrance into Russia of a Japanese army, Japanese statesmen decided to postpone action until the Allies unanimously advocated intervention.

### GAMBLERS FORFEITED \$60 AND JACK POT

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, April 29.—Three young men, guests at a city hotel, arrested by the police Sunday morning for gambling, failed to appear when called in the police court today and forfeited \$20 each, besides an \$8.35 jack pot scooped by the police at the time of the arrest.

### POPULAR YOUNG WIFE OF BANK MAN DEAD

Mrs. Ruth (Stewart) Gill, Wife of Manager of Bath Branch of Bank of Nova Scotia, Passes Away at age of 22 Years.

Special to The Standard.  
St. Stephen, April 29.—After an illness of about three months, Ruth, the wife of J. S. Gill, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Bath, New Brunswick, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas C. Stewart of St. Stephen, passed away at noon in the Chipman Memorial Hospital, aged 22 years.

She was a beautiful young woman beloved and admired by all who knew her, and her early demise is deeply regretted.

She was united in marriage with Mr. Gill in January 1917, and is survived by her husband and a child about 3 months old. Her parents, one sister, and three brothers also survive.

### QUEBEC CARMEN ASK ADVANCE IN WAGES

Quebec, April 29.—The motormen and conductors of the Levis County Railway have filed a petition for a raise of salary. The men want the following: For men in their first year, 31 cents per hour, for men working two years, 22 cents per hour, men three years, 24 cents, men seven years with the company, 26 cents per hour. The company's officials have given a promising answer.

### GANG IN ONTARIO COMMIT ARSON FOR THE SUM OF \$200

Startling Testimony Given During Insurance Hearing at Toronto.

### OVER-INSURANCE ONE CAUSE OF ARSON

School for Training of Firemen Advocated—\$660,000 Barn Loses.

Toronto, April 29.—The startling statement that there is in Ontario, a gang who will commit arson for the small sum of \$200, was made on oath today by Deputy Provincial Fire Marshal George F. Lewis, during his examination by Justice Maatou, commissioner, appointed by the Ontario government to enquire into fire insurance rates and conditions. The commission, which has been in existence since August, 1916, resumed today, after an intermission.

Mr. Lewis also declared that the reason for so many cases of arson was over-insurance, and the reason for over-insurance was the fact that insurance agents were too numerous. As a means of securing more efficient fire fighting forces in the cities of the province, Mr. Lewis suggested a central school in Toronto for the training of firemen. Men from this school could, he said, be sent out to other towns and cities as chiefs and firemen.

### MONTREAL MURDERER TOTALLY BLIND MAY LEARN SOME TRADE

William Bennett Begins Dark and Inactive Life in Penitentiary, KILLED A SOLDIER

His Former Sweetheart Also a Victim—A Pathetic Case

Kingston, Ont., April 29.—William Bennett, of Montreal, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of a soldier, named Leach, at Yndian Point, in Renfrew County, and whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, has begun to serve his term at Kingston Penitentiary, and his total blindness, the result of an attempt to take his own life after he had shot Leach and Mrs. Leach, a former sweetheart of Bennett, makes him a pathetic figure. It is said an effort will be made to relieve his blindness.

The bullet which he fired into his own head is still lodged there. It is the opinion of some medical men that if it were removed, he might recover a part of his sight, though the chance is a slim one. Justice this operation not be performed, or be unsuccessful, it would not be surprising if the government is asked to transfer him to an institution for the blind where he could be taught some useful occupation, instead of sitting, hour after hour, day after day, in helpless blindness.

### 5,000 TORONTO YOUNG MEN IN KHAKI SOON

Notices Calling on them to Report to Depot Battalions are Issued.

Toronto, April 29.—It is expected that 5,000 young men between the ages of twenty and twenty-two years in the Toronto military district will be in uniform by the middle of May. Notices calling on them to report to depot battalions have gone forth. No exceptions are made in the cases of farmers who are treated just the same as men in other spheres of life. The local military authorities are having many demands for at least temporary leave, but nothing has yet been done to meet the demands of the rural communities.

### The Allies Hurl Back Powerful Attacks in Flanders, Says Haig

London, April 29.—Powerful attacks by the Germans against the French and British positions between Meteren and Zillebeke today were repulsed, the Germans losing heavily, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig tonight. The British line held absolutely, but at various points the Germans gained a foothold in the French positions, only to be driven out later from the greater part of this territory.

The Belgians also repulsed heavy attacks, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

The statement says: "Following a bombardment of great intensity, the French and British positions from the neighborhood of Meteren to Zillebeke Lake, were violently attacked this morning by large hostile forces.

"Attacks were made also upon the Belgian positions north of Ypres, and fighting of great severity developed rapidly on the whole allied front.

"The 35th, 49th and 21st British divisions completely repulsed every attempt made by the enemy to enter their positions, and despite a constant succession of determined attacks in great strength, maintained their line intact. The enemy's losses have been very heavy.

"The French positions on the hills about Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge also were heavily attacked, and the enemy was repulsed. At points where the enemy's infantry succeeded in penetrating a short distance into the French positions they were immediately driven out by counter-attacks from the greater part of the ground which they had temporarily gained possession of.

"On the Belgian front the attacks were also repulsed after sharp fighting in which severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

"The fighting still continues at certain points along the allied battle fronts.

"On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides. The weather prevented air operations Sunday.

### GERMANS CLAIM 7100 PRISONERS

Berlin States that Number Captured Since Storming of Mont Kemmel—French Disperse Enemy Detachment which Attempted to Cross Oise River East of Varennes.

Berlin, Via London, April 29.—The announcement from general headquarters today says "On the Flanders battle front, from midday on, the artillery fire revived. The booty taken since the storming of Mont Kemmel has increased to over 7,100 prisoners, including 181 officers, 53 guns and 233 machine guns.

"Between La Bassée Canal and the Scarpe as well as north of the Somme there has been lively reconnoitering activity on the part of the English. Strong partial attacks made by the French against Hangard Wood and the Village were sanguinarily repulsed. Forefiled engagements occurred at many points on the remainder of the front.

"On the eastern bank of the Meuse a thrust into the French trenches brought in some prisoners.

"From the other theatres of the war there is nothing new."

French Statement.  
Paris, April 29.—The war office announcement tonight says: "Both artilleries were active north and south of the Aisne in the region of Piemont.

### AN ENEMY ATTACK WAS DELIVERED AT YPRES

After Intense Bombardment at 3 a. m., Infantry Attack Launched, Germans Using Fresh Divisions.

With the British Army in France, April 29, (By The Associated Press).—German airplanes were out in great numbers at dawn, flying low over the chain of hills behind Kemmel, attempting to attack British troops and transport trains on the roads, as is usual preliminary to a battle.

This morning's enemy stroke was delivered at Ypres, at the Scherpenberg Hill and to the west of Baillieu, in the direction of Haselbroeck.

### A SISTER OF ST. JOHN MAN DIES SUDDENLY WHILE VISITING

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, April 29.—The death occurred at the residence of J. I. Smith here this afternoon of Mrs. Amy King, widow of Dr. W. G. King, of Buctouche. Mrs. King had been on a visit to her daughter in New York, stopping off in Moncton a few days on her return to Buctouche. She had been in failing health two or three years, but death came unexpectedly at three o'clock. Deceased was a sister of Rutherford Jack, St. John; Rev. T. C. Jack, North Sydney. She was a native of Kings county, a daughter of the late Rev. Lewis Jack. She is survived by three sons, Rev. Lewis J. King, Pointe LaGarde, Quebec; Corporal George King, Woodstock; Corp. Wallace K. King, in France; three daughters, Mrs. E. B. Woodcock, New York; Mrs. E. B. Robb, Cochrane, Ont.; Miss Jean, New York. One sister, Mrs. Annie Rosborough resides in North Sydney. The body will be taken to Buctouche tomorrow for interment beside her husband, who died about a year ago.

### GERMANS HURL THEMSELVES AGAINST A GRANITE WALL

#### After Fighting of Most Terrible Nature on Three Sides of Ruined City of Ypres British and French Lines Are Still Intact and the Enemy has Lost Frightfully in His Repeated Assaults Where the Allies Stand at Bay.

#### Canadians Under Heavy Fire Again Near Lens but No Infantry Fighting there—Immediate Object of German Attacks in Flanders is Capture of Ypres—Little Fighting in Somme Sector.

Germany's armies are hurling themselves against a granite wall on three sides of the ruined city of Ypres. After fighting of the most terrific nature, the British and French lines are still intact and the enemy has lost terribly in his repeated assaults against the lines where the Allies stand at bay.

The objective of the fighting which is now going on is the capture of Ypres, where, since 1914, the British have held their positions. Two years ago the allied lines were carried forward and the salient in front of the city was wiped out, but from these positions the British retired a week ago to the trenches where they stood during the terrific fighting in the spring of 1915, when they stopped the Germans in their first drive for the channel ports.

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### Edward Shortt Becomes Secretary For Ireland

#### Governors Appointed for Ceylon, Jamaica and Barbados—Premier Lloyd George Replies to Criticism of Conditions which led to Recent Cabinet and War Resignations.

London, April 29.—Edward Shortt, member of the House of Commons for Newcastle on Tyne, has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland to succeed Henry Edward Duke, who has held that post since August, 1916.

Edward Shortt is a Liberal, born in 1862. He married in 1890 the daughter of the late A. G. Scott, of Valparaiso.

According to the Daily Mail, Mr. Duke has been anxious to retire from the office of chief secretary for a long time and has been only waiting a suitable successor.

Governors Named.  
London, April 29, (Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The King has approved the following appointments: General Sir William Manning to the governor of Ceylon; Sir Leslie Probyn, to be governor of Jamaica; Lieut-Colonel Charles MacKay O'Brien to be governor of the Barbados.

Lloyd-George Talks.  
London, April 29.—There was intense interest in today's debate in the House of Commons over the recent resignations from leading positions in the air forces, during which Lord Hugh Cecil and others urged that Major General Trenchard, former chief of the air staff, be reinstated in that office.

Replying to the criticisms, Premier Lloyd-George complained of and repudiated as offensive, the suggestion that amateur strategists in the cabinet had been trying to advise General Trenchard. The premier announced that Lieut. General Smuts, a member of the privy council, has been appointed to investigate the dispute between General Trenchard and Baron Rothermere, brother of Lord Northcliffe, who resigned as air minister on Thursday last, and that General Smuts had arrived at the conclusion that General Trenchard's qualities were better suited to leadership than to staff duty.

It was hoped, added the premier, that General Trenchard's services would be retained in a position of considerable power in the air forces.

Praises Trenchard.  
The premier said that he agreed with every word which had been said about the distinguished and incalculable services rendered by General Trenchard.

General Trenchard's qualities were of the Nelsonian type of great leader," said the premier, "but Sir William Weir, the new minister of air forces, and others had no doubt that Major General F. H. Sykes, the new chief of the air staff, was better adapted for staff work. If that was criticism of General Trenchard, it would be criticism of Wellington or of Nelson."

Mr. Lloyd-George concluded with a tribute to the valuable services rendered by Baron Rothermere. Sir Edward Carson tried to draw from the premier some statement as to what post was contemplated for General Trenchard. The premier declined to say more than that no special post would be created, but it would be something associated with his own air policy.

THE HUN COAST DRIVE  
BEHIND THE SCHEDULE  
Certain Division Due at Mont Chats on Friday, but Instead of Going Forward Moved Backward.  
London, April 29.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Documents the British recently captured show that the Germans counted on developing a regular drive toward the coast, the timetable whereof has altogether gone to pieces. A certain division was due to be at Mont Chats on Friday last, but this division, instead of going forward, moved backward to rest and re-fit.

WANT YOUNG QUEBEC HERO TO COME HOME  
Family Thinks French Canadian Lad who Went to War When Fifteen Should Get Furlough.  
Quebec, April 29.—Steps are being made by his family to obtain from the front in France, a few weeks' leave for Hector Fraser, a young French-Canadian from Cape St. Ignace, County of Montmagny, who has done three years' service at the front and is only eighteen, being barely fifteen years old when he enlisted with the very first Canadian overseas battalion.