

THE WEATHER.

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BRITISH REGAIN CRATER AT ST. ELOI ADVANCE LINE INTO ENEMY TERRITORY

FRENCH REOCCUPY PART OF VAUX; DRIVE HUNS TO NORTHERN EDGE OF CAILLETTE WOOD

Germans by Vigorous Attack Occupy French Positions Between Haucourt and Bethincourt and Straighten Out Line.

BOYS AGAIN WITH FRENCH IN AERIAL COMBATS, FOUR MORE GERMAN MACHINES BEING BROUGHT DOWN ON VERDUN FRONT—RUSSIAN TRANSPORT WITH TROOPS REPORTED TORPEDOED IN BLACK SEA.

Having straightened out their line by occupying all French positions north of the Forges brook between Haucourt and Bethincourt, northwest of Verdun, the Germans are now engaged in shelling the region of the Bourrus wood, some five miles north-west of the fortress.

East of the Meuse, around Vaux, there has been considerable fighting between the French and the Germans, in which the French were victorious in driving back the Germans to the northern outskirts of the Caillette wood and in re-occupying the western part of the village of Vaux, which they had previously evacuated.

The occupation by the Germans of the Haucourt-Bethincourt front followed a vigorous attack, in which, however, the Germans met no foe, the French having evacuated their positions at night without the Germans observing the movement. From their new positions south of the Forges brook and at Bethincourt, the French opened a direct and snaking fire into the attacking Germans, who suffered heavy casualties.

Along the remainder of the front, artillery bombardments have predominated, although there have been several combats near Verdun in which the Germans lost four aeroplanes, and aerial raids by the French on various German cantonments in Belgium.

Artillery duels between the Russians and Germans continue on the eastern front. An attack by the Germans against the bridgehead at Ikskull was repulsed by the Russians. The usual bombardments are in progress on the Austro-Italian line.

Constantinople reports that the Turks, strongly reinforced, have checked the Russian offensive in the Caucasus region, and that the Ottoman forces have made advances in the Tchoruk valley. Petrograd, however, asserts that the Russians have seized heavily fortified Turkish positions at an altitude of 10,000 feet on the Upper Tchoruk, and further south have captured a Turkish position and dispersed Turkish cavalry detachments.

In Arabia, according to Constantinople, the British near Sheikh Osman have been driven from fortified positions with heavy casualties, and forced to retreat.

The sinking by a Turkish submarine in the Black Sea on March 30 of a 15,000 ton Russian transport, with troops aboard, and of two other vessels on March 31, are reported by the Turkish war office. It was on March 30 that the Russian hospital ship

Portugal was torpedoed and sunk in the Black Sea. A British official statement says that in the German air raid over Scotland Sunday night ten persons were killed and eleven injured. There were no casualties in the sections of England attacked by the raiders.

Berlin asserts that Edinburgh and Leth and points on the Firth of Forth and the Tyne were visited by the Zeppelins, and that violent explosions and numerous fires occurred both in Scotland and England. All the airships returned to their base.

London, April 3.—The British official communication issued today says: "Yesterday one of our aviators shot down a German machine in the neighborhood of Lens. Another aviator attacked and drove off five hostile machines after a close combat, with two of them."

"This morning early at St. Eloi we attacked a Zeppelin which had been held by the Germans since March 20. The crater was captured and our line was established beyond it. We took eighty-four prisoners, including four officers."

"The artillery on both sides has been active in this neighborhood today."

Russians Win Positions 10,000 Feet Above Sea. Petrograd, via London, April 3.—The Russian war office communication issued today says: "After ninety minutes preparation by guns of heavy and light artillery the Germans attacked the bridgehead at Ikskull, but were repulsed. In the region of Drinsk and south of it there have been artillery duels. There has been great activity by the enemy artillery on many sectors."

"During the German offensive described yesterday in the region north of Baranovitch station the enemy fired explosive bullets. In the region of Liakovitchi on Sunday morning a considerable body of Germans, having crossed the Shara river, launched an attack on our posts, but were repulsed."

"There has been great activity by the enemy aviators in the Pellesia region. The floods continue. "Caucasus front: In the course of our offensive we passed the watershed of the Upper Tchoruk river, and seized strongly fortified mountain positions 10,000 feet above sea level, taking a company of Turks prisoner. In the course of the pursuit of the enemy in the region of the Sourkhar camp convent, we captured a Turkish camp with tents and shelters, and a store of arms."

READY TO BEAR BURDEN THE WAR IMPOSES

Although Heavy and Varied Taxation is Expected British People Prepared to Accept it Cheerfully.

London, April 4, 2.05 a. m.—The cabinet yesterday considered the budget proposals which Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, will introduce today in the House of Commons. Despite the fact that the next taxation will be heavy and varied, never before has a budget excited so little interest.

G.N.R. MAKES PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT?

Understood Company Asking to Have Interest on Old Bonds Guaranteed Increased from 4 to 5 Per Cent.

Ottawa, April 3.—The report that the Canadian Northern Railway will apply this session for a further bond guarantee cannot be confirmed, although it is admitted that if that company does not come to parliament this session it will be compelled to do so next session.

IS FATALLY SHOT WHILE DUCK HUNTING

Halifax, April 3.—William Dugan, aged 30 years, of Prospect, N. S., was accidentally shot while duck hunting, and died of his injuries. The loaded gun was discharged as he stepped from a boat in one of the lakes near the village. Prospect is 21 miles from Halifax, and Dugan died while being brought to the city for medical treatment.

BULGARIA TROOPS TO QUIT GREEK TERRITORY

Government Assures Athens of Desire to Maintain Friendly Relations—Constantine Turns Deaf Ear to Venizelos and Refuses to be Drawn Into War.

Paris, April 3.—A Havas despatch from Athens says the Bulgarian government has notified Greece that it has given orders for evacuation of points on Greek territory occupied by Bulgarian troops. Bulgaria assured Greece of the intention to do everything possible to maintain friendly relations between the two nations.

COMMISSION TO PROBE SHELL CHARGES HAS WIDE SCOPE

According to Order-in-Council as Announced by Premier, Yesterday, Not Only Kytte Charges Will Come Within Its Powers but Any Others that May be Made.

Ottawa, April 3.—The opposition were further disconcerted today when Sir Robert Borden announced that by the order-in-council appointing Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff, Royal Commissioners to conduct the investigation into the Kytte charges the scope of the investigation had been widened to include any further charges that may be made.

CROWDS IN STREETS WATCH ZEPPELINS

Although Sunday Night's Raid Was Scotland's First, People Calm in Face of Danger.

London, April 3, 7.12 p. m.—A Scottish correspondent in a despatch concerning Sunday night's air raid says: "Scotland had its first experience with a Zeppelin raid last night. A Zeppelin appeared ten minutes before midnight and circled over the town for forty minutes, dropping many bombs."

MAJOR MARTIN RE-ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY

Montreal, April 3.—Mayor Martin, M. P., was re-elected to the chief magistracy of Montreal at the biennial municipal elections today by almost ten thousand votes more than his nearest opponent, Controller Duncan McDonald, and by more than sixteen thousand in excess of his second opponent, Ald. L. A. Lapointe, M. P.

GERMANS STRAIGHTEN LINE

Berlin, April 3, via London.—All the French positions north of Forges brook, between Haucourt and Bethincourt, west of the Meuse, in the region northwest of Verdun, are in German hands, the war office announced today.

CANADIANS DRAW ENEMY FIRE WHILE BRITISH ATTACK

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Ottawa, (Canadian Headquarters in France, via London) April 3.—In the early morning of March 27 an assault was made on a section of the German defenses by a British division immediately on the left of the Canadian corps. As a preliminary to the attack several large mines were successfully fired under a salient in the German lines, severely damaging the enemy's trenches and causing him numerous casualties.

BERLIN SENDS APOLOGY TO SWITZERLAND

For Bombing Swiss Village and Promises that Aviators Who Broke Neutrality will be Punished.

London, April 3.—Germany has apologized to Switzerland for the bombing of the Swiss village of Portenruey by German aviators last week, says a Reuters despatch from Bern. A promise to punish the aviators, who supposed they were over Belfort, has been made.

SCOUTS AND SNIPERS DO GOOD WORK

The activity of our scouts, snipers and patrols was well maintained. On the night of March 25, Lieut. Crossman, of our First Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, succeeded in bringing in a tunic and papers from the body of a German scout who had been killed by our snipers on the previous night.

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On the night of March 24 Captain Tupper and four scouts of our Twenty-second French Canadian Battalion received the German wire and threw four grenades into an enemy trench. Two sentries who had been firing regularly from this trench were silenced by the fire. German machine guns opened on Captain Tupper and his men, but caused no casualties.

On the night of March 25 a careful reconnaissance of a section of the German wire was made by a patrol under Lieut. Smith, of our Fifth Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles.

On the night of March 27, at the moment when the British attack was launched against the salient, two men of our Twenty-fourth Montreal Battalion, Privates Juteau and Deyar, were still put in front of our trenches, cutting the enemy's wire. Both men had been out for several hours. An intense fire burst from the German trenches. Private Juteau was badly wounded, and both men were forced to seek cover in shell holes. After daylight, as the men had not returned, Sergt. Gaddes and Scouts Bethune and Mott, all of the 24th Battalion, went out to look for them, and remained out for one hour and a half. A bombardment of our trenches by the German artillery was in progress and the enemy's rifle and machine gun fire had not slackened. But our scouts crawled forward and eventually located the missing men. Juteau, unfortunately, died of his wounds before our scouts could reach him, but Deyar was still uninjured. With great difficulty the body of Private Juteau was secured and taken back to our lines.

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