

# Battle on a Larger Scale Expected.

## Allied Troops Eager to Test Strength of the Foe. Reinforcements Going Steadily Forward. Bomb Dropping Operations. Quebec Riot Ringleaders Arrested.

10.00 A. M.

PARIS OFFICIAL. PARIS, To-day. The War Office announcement tonight says: There was no infantry action during the course of the day, but quite violent artillery fighting was maintained in the region north of Mont Didier, especially between Demuin and Hangard-Santerre. It was quiet everywhere else.

GENERAL SUMMARY. LONDON, To-day. Although fighting activity along the whole front of the new Somme offensive remains slight, there is still a feeling that soon again battles on a large scale will begin, and with the Allied troops, after the respite of several days, strongly arrayed in battle formation and eager to test their strength against that of the foe.

From the Somme to the Oise, along that portion of the battle line which bulges outward Amiens, Arras and Breteil, and the railway running to the north and south which passes through these towns, the big guns of the opposition have opened in duels of great proportions and it is apparently not unreasonable to assume that either side at any time may take the offensive with their infantry in a resumption of a battle which ranks among the greatest the world has ever seen.

Since the beginning of the present week, there has been no marked change in the alignment of the opposing sides. From Arras, south to Chauny, the fighting has lacked the sanguinary character of the previous days, owing in part no doubt, to the extremely bad weather conditions. Neither the Germans, nor the Allies have been idle, for daily there has been going on a reinforcement of strategic positions, both in men and gunpowder, for their coming engagements, upon which it is conceded so much depends for the victory.

In the vicinity of Lens, artillery duels of intensity have been revived, and on some sectors, and in Belgium, at many points, reciprocal shelling continues. In both these regions the infantry has kept to the trenches, except for patrols and reconnoitering purposes. An American sector has been heavily attacked with gas. In the Italian theatre there is still no indication when the expected battle between the Italians and Germans will burst, but daily there is an increased activity along the front, while along the various fronts, airships of both sides are keeping up intensive activity, bombing positions behind the lines, searching out troops and transport moves, and engaging in aerial combats.

The French War Office reports more than thirteen tons of projectiles dropped on German railways and communications at Ham, Chauny and Novion also that in the region of Roye, on the Arras front. The Germans last week did not keep up their successful submarine campaign of the previous week, having sunk but thirteen British merchant ships against 26 during the previous week in their operations against the Italians three steamers of more than 1,500 tons, and ten sailing ships were destroyed. The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Count Czernin, in an address to the Vienna Municipal Council, declared that Austria did not intend to beg for peace, but to enforce it by her moral right and physical strength.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE. QUEBEC, To-day. The police, after working quietly for two days, made seven arrests to-night, and it is believed that they have rounded up the ringleaders in the disturbances here. Specific charges of rioting will be laid against these men, and one of those under arrest has been identified as the party who cut the hose on Thursday night last when the firemen were ordered to drench and disperse the crowd attacking the Dominion police. The suspects will be given a preliminary hearing to-morrow morning in the police court.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ALSO THERE. STOCKHOLM, To-day. (By A. P. A.)—The White Guards are bombarding Tammerfors, Finland, and many buildings are on fire. The Finnish Press Bureau reports that Russian reinforcement have reached Finland, including the celebrated Prohansky Guard, which has taken up a position on the Karalaal Front. A Swedish detachment fighting with the

White Guards, thus far, has lost 15 killed and 79 wounded out of a total of 341 men.

GERMAN TROOPS IN FINLAND. AMSTERDAM, To-day. A Berlin official, received here, reports the landing of troops in Finland. The statement reads: Part of our naval forces this morning after a difficult passage through ice and mine fields, landed troops, destined to give help in Finland, at Hangogo.

TAKE GERMAN PRISONERS. LONDON, To-day. The day again passed comparatively quiet on the whole battle front, says Field Marshal Haig's report, from headquarters in France, to-night. There was local fighting last night and early this morning in the vicinity of Fouchy and Hoberne. We captured two machine guns and many Germans were killed. The number of prisoners taken yesterday in our successful operations at Aytette was 192, including 6 officers. There is nothing further of special interest to report.

HUN AIRCRAFT DOWNED. LONDON, To-day. In intensive air fighting thirteen German aircraft were downed, and eight sent down out of control by British airmen Tuesday, according to the official statement issued to-night. The British themselves lost seven machines which are missing.

12.30 P.M.

TURKISH DELIGHT. LONDON, To-day. An unofficial statement issued by the Turkish War Office and received here yesterday says: "On the Palestine front our attacking troops have been very active. East of the Jordan the enemy troops have been defeated and the pursuit continues."

SHIPPING OUTPUT DOUBLED. LONDON, To-day. Merchant tonnage built in yards of the United Kingdom during the year ending March 31st was double that built in the year ending March 31st, 1917. In the last year, according to a table issued last night by the Admiralty, 1,287,470 tons were constructed. The monthly figures for the last three months are: January, 58,568; February, 100,038; March, 161,874.

SMALL BAG LAST WEEK. PARIS, To-day. German submarines did not sink any French steamers last week, nor were any attacked unsuccessfully. Eight fishing vessels, however, were sunk by the enemy.

WONDERFUL SLAUGHTER. PARIS, To-day. One person was wounded yesterday by the German long range bombardment of Paris.

BOMBING OPERATIONS. PARIS, To-day. Caproni airplanes bombed an air-drome at Metz on the night of March 17th, and again on March 23rd. Italian squadrons also bombarded the railway station at Thionville on the night of March 24th and succeeded in hitting a train filled with reserves troops going to the Picardy front.

NO DANGER FOR THE MOMENT. PARIS, To-day. General Dumas, commanding the French armies in the North, has signed the following proclamation posted in Amiens: "The dangers which have been announced to you do not threaten you for the moment. The military authorities give you that assurance and you see them in your midst. Warning will be given in case of peril. Keep confidence in France's hour."

BY PERMISSION OF THE ALLEGED HIGHEST. MADRID, To-day. After lengthy negotiations between Spain and Germany, it is believed that trans-Atlantic voyages by Spanish ships will be resumed. About one thousand passengers and more than two thousand sacks of mail are awaiting departure. It is reported that Germany will permit the mail and

passengers to start but has forbidden the transport of merchandise.

OUR FAR-FLUNG EMPIRE. LONDON, To-day. The British forces in the Punjab region of India are successfully carrying out punitive operations against the Marri Tribesmen, who have been driven back into the hills and now are carrying out only raiding exploits, says an official communication issued last evening by the India Office. The communication follows: "Punitive operations against the Marri continue satisfactorily, and with the advance of our troops in the Marri country, the Marri have retired further into the hills. They are offering no organized resistance but are continuing their operations of traditional tactics of sending out isolated raiding parties to harass defenceless villages, loot Hindu merchant shops and lift camels and cattle. The most serious of their raids was an attack on a goods train near Babar Koch (Baluchistan) in which one European and six Indians were killed and three Indians wounded. Under the gradual pressure of our troops, however, the tribes have begun to show distinct signs of contemplating surrender. Practically all sections of the Khotam tribe already have tendered their unconditional submission through their chief."

THREE HUNDRED JEWS KILLED. MOSCOW (Delayed), To-day. Anti-Jewish riots have occurred in Turkistan. In Kokand and other places, hundreds of persons were killed and much property destroyed, according to the Baneyi Oulra. Anti-Semitic agitation in Kiev, it adds, is assuming an acute stage, for when that city was captured by the Ukrainians most of its inhabitants who were shot were Jews.

LABOR CONFERENCE POSTPONED. LONDON, To-day. In view of the uncertainty of the situation on the Western front, it is announced that the national council of the labor party and the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress have decided to postpone the joint meeting for insuring a campaign in support of labor aims and a policy of social reconstruction. The meeting was to have been held next Tuesday.

ITALIANS WARNED. ROME, To-day. Italians are warned against the speech of Count Czernin by the "Giornale D'Italia" it says. "Austria Hungary has spoken of peace before every new offensive against Italy." A prominent member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies in an interview in the "Giornale," declares that Count Czernin's statement has shown that Austria considers the German offensive in France, to have been killed in its ultimate aims.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN APPOINTED. LONDON, To-day. General Sir Henry Rawlinson, who has been the British representative on the Versailles War Council, has been appointed to the command of the fourth army, into which several divisions of the old fifth army, that was aligned on the St. Quentin sector, have been absorbed. General Gough who was in command of the fifth army is for the time being unemployed.

FROM FRENCH SOURCES. PARIS, To-day. Heavy artillery fighting occurred on the front north of Mont Didier, and on the Verdun front; the French took some prisoners and captured two machine guns. There is nothing to report elsewhere at 11.30 a.m.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT. LONDON, To-day. Count Czernin spoke of the marked change toward the bellicose and in his latest speech still speaks in soft accents than ever have been heard from Berlin, the morning newspapers say in their comment on the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister's address to the Vienna Municipal Council. The Daily Mail characterizes the speech as Austrian bluff and says that Count Czernin's assertion that the blockade of Germany is broken in the east, will not fill the hungry stomachs of Germans and Austrians. It adds, that the issue must be decided by iron and blood in the battle that is now being pitched. The Daily Telegraph thinks that coming at the moment it does, the speech will command but a small share of the attention which it would have received three weeks ago. It says that some of Czernin's statements and professions require, and will doubtless soon receive, notice from the Entente and the United States. The Morning Post says the speech may be regarded as the customary peace offensive, ensuing upon the temporary defeat of the war offensive of the Central Powers. The Daily News says the Austrian Minister discriminated between the pacific character of his own imperial master and of another imperial master, and in so doing, has touched the real root of this devastating struggle. The paper adds that before the world, which President Wilson envisaged, can be inaugurated, there must be a change of heart in Berlin.

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Concealment of Smallpox.

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We understand another case was reported from William Street yesterday; the subject being a longshoreman.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, April 4, 1918. Brook's Baby Barley is new so far as this Dominion is concerned but is very well known in the United States, where it has helped to rear myriads of healthy children. Just now when English Baby Foods are difficult to obtain this Barley will be a boon to anxious mothers of children who may be hard put to it to secure continuous supplies of food. Price 30c and 50c a tin. Among late arrivals from England we note the following: Evans' Throat Pastilles, Allenbury's Teats and Valves, and Sutton's Seeds. These last named are not yet on for sale, but will be available in a few days, and the subject of more extended notice then.

Here and There.

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AN IMPROVEMENT.—The stairway leading to Bowring's office in Water Street, has recently been rebuilt.

"The Land of Old Glory" in song, story and tableaux, Lecture Room, Cochran Street Church, Wednesday, April 10th, at 8 p.m. Hear Dr. Jones' address on "The Appeal of America." Tickets for sale at Dicks & Co. Reserved seats, 50c; unreserved, 30c.—ap4,11

TO START WHALING.—We understand the Harbor Grace Shipbuilding Company has purchased the old whaling station at Cape Broyle formerly operated by Bowring Bros. The whaler Port Saunders has also been purchased by the same Company and left for Harbor Grace yesterday in charge of Captain Hannevig. The Company is also considering the purchase of another whaling station north of St. John's. Expert whale manufacturers have already arrived and operations will start at an early date.

The Japanese note, so favored in draperies, will dominate many of the new spring and summer models.

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