Germans Being Enormously Reinforced

New Attack on Great Scale Expected. Enemy's Premier Birdman Killed. Canadians to the Fore. 1,500,000 Shells.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, April 22.

(Official.) Early in the night a strong attack, accompanied by heavy shelling, was made by the enemy against our positions in the neighborhood of Mesnil, north of Albert. After sharp fighting, in the course of which the enemy succeeded in capturing one of our advanced positions, the attack was repulsed. We improved our positions slightly during the night in the Villers-Bretonneux, Albert and Robecq sectors. A number of raids were carried out by us at different points south and north of Lens, resulting in the capture of prisoners and machine guns. There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides on different sectors of the British front. The enemy's shelling has been directed chiefly against our positions astride the Somme and there Rivers, in the Lens sector, in the neighborhood of Festubert and in the Nieppe forest.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, April 22.

(Official.) A German raid last night east of the Avre in the region of Thennes was repulsed. We took prisoners. Another German raid east of Rheims gained no greater success. Intensive artillery fighting continued at different points on the front.

TO CONTINUE ATTACK.

LONDON, April 22.

(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The lull in the battle is not expected to last long, despite the inclemency of the weather with wind and rain. The Germans are licking their hurts after their recent thrashing, and evidently do not mean to attack until they are ready to do so on a great scale. They are being openly and enormously reinforced, but the Allies have also strengthened their forces, and it is not likely that the next thrust will be any more effective in achieving a decision than that of a month ago, when the German people were told to expect a speedy triumph. The expectation on this side indeed is that the battle may last well through the summer. For one thing, it will henceforth be impossible for the enemy to benefit by a strategic surprise similar to that of March 21st, when they attacked on a front of 50 miles. All the enemy's onslaughts hitherto have failed to attain their object owing to the impossibility of using reserves and resulted in the botting up of a million and a half of men in the triangle of Hazebrouck, Amiens and Noyon. These troops, originally supplied with a week's rations are practically starving in a devastated region, which is difficult to traversal, as the ground is marshy and pitted with shell holes, constant under fire. There is a great concentration of shell fire at Mount Kemmel, which is already stripped of trees. This is probably the scene of the next big attack. Details of the Belgian success of the 17th of April show that it was most brilliant and also important in results, for it played a part in foiling the attempt to cut off the expected British retreat from the Ypres salient. General Plumer congratulated the Belgian commander warmly, saying that the Second British Army was most grateful for the help.

CONTINUE MASSING TROOPS.

BRITISH HEADQARTEURS IN FRANCE, April 22. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Germans continue massing troops on the Bailleul-Nieppe-Eglise line and north around Armentieres. Prisoners state that the drive will be resumed in the German Army early in May, by which it is suggested that the enemy anticipates a decision or the abandonment of the offensive by then.

NOTED GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.

LONDON, April 22.

Capt. Baron Von Richthofen, the famous German aviator, has been killed. He was brought down in the Somme Valley. His body was recovered and will be buried to-day with military honors. Since Capt. Boelke was shot down in October, 1916, Capt. Von Richthofen has been the most prominent and successful aviator. On April 8th the German war office announced that he had achieved his 78th aerial victory, although in this as in previous citations he was not credited explicitly with having brought down an Allied aeroplane.

The funeral of Baron Von Richthofen, the German aviator, this afternoon, was a most impressive spectacle. The airman was buried in a cemetery not far from the spot where he was brought down. Members of the air service attended.

BRITISH BUDGET.

LONDON, April 22.

Chancellor Bonar Law, introducing the budget in the House of Commons to-day, announced that in the last year Great Britain had advanced £505,000,000 to its allies, and the United States had advanced £590,000,000 to the Entente nations. "It is only necessary for us," he said, "to lean on the United States to the amount the other Allies lean on us. In other words, we are self-supporting." The Chancellor said he had made certain suggestions regarding advances to the Allies, which, if adopted, would lessen Great Britain's burden considerably, without in any way increasing the total obligations to the United States. The gross national debt at the end of the last year was £5,850,000,000, the Chancellor said. He proposed new taxation running well over sixty per cent. of the war taxable revenue. The Chancellor said that at the end of the present year the national debt would be £7,980,000,000, but he didn't regard the debt of Russia as a bad one, believing that sooner or later there would be an ordered Government of that nation. The total debt due Britain from its Allies at the end of the year, he added, would be £1,632,000,000.

WHAT OUR SOLDIERS WITHSTOOD

PARIS, April 22.

An idea of the gigantic struggle on the western front can be gained when it is said that the Germans in three hours fired 1,500,000 shells. They could not have done this without the help of captured British and Russian guns and shells. In the whole war of 1870 only 1,600,000 shells were fired from either side.

DIVIDING BELGIUM.

AMSTERDAM, April 22.

The Volks Zeitung, of Cologne, says the German authorities in Belgium have issued a decree directing that the finances of the Flemish and Walloon districts shall be administered separately. This, the newspaper asserts, brings the independence of Flanders much nearer. This move on the part of the Germans probably is in furtherance of their plan to weaken Belgium by dividing it into Flemish and Walloon states with normal independence.

TO FEED THE BELGIANS.

WASHINGTON, April 22.

Food shipments to the civilian population of the Allied countries will be suspended for ten days to move three million bushels of grain to the Belgians who are declared to be in desperate straits.

GERMAN DUKE DEAD.

AMSTERDAM, April 22.

Duke Frederick II., ruler of the German Duchy of Anhalt, is dead; he was 61 years old.

FORMER AUSTRIAN PREMIER DEAD.

AMSTERDAM, April 22.

Baron Gautsch Von Franken Haun, former Austrian Premier, is dead at his home in Vienna; he was 76 years old.

A MESSAGE TO DILLON.

DUBLIN, April 22.

John Dillon, Chairman of the Nationalist Party in the House of Commons, has received the following cable from Archbishop Kelly, in behalf of the Australian hierarchy: "Considering the persistent refusal of respective Governments to grant Home Rule to Ireland despite the votes of the British people and petitions of the Dominions, we, voicing Irish and Australian democratic sentiment, call upon the Government to grant Home Rule to Ireland forthwith and considering the invariable failure of coercion in Ireland we strenuously protest against any attempt by the British Government to conscript Ireland."

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 22.

More than one-third of the business district of San Jacinte and a smaller proportion of that of Hemmel, both in Riverside County, about seventy miles east of here, were in ruins today, and scores of residences in the two little towns were wrecked by a series of earthquake shocks which caused all of Southern California to tremble late yesterday afternoon. The property damage is estimated at from $100,000 to $150,000 in the two places. Half a dozen other towns and cities, including Los Angeles suffered minor damage, confined mainly to plate gass windows and shattered cornices.

NEW CROWNS FOR THE KAISER.

AMSTERDAM, April 22.

Berlin newspapers report that the National Liberty Party leaders have decided unanimously to send a telegram to Emperor William, recommending that he accept the crowns of the former Russian Governments of Esthonia and Livonia.

A BOMB FOUND.

NEW YORK, April 22.

A bomb containing five pounds of dynamite, and declared by Inspector Eagan, of the Bureau of Combustibles, to be one of the most dangerous he has ever examined, was found today in the doorway of a four-storey building owned and occupied in part by the Life Publishers Company, publishers of "Life," in West 31st Street.

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When we contemplete the terrific struggle taking place on the Western front to-day, where allied soldiers by the thousands are giving their lives to breast the German waves, one thought should come to all of us. Are we doing as much as we can toward winning the war? Are we co-operating as fully as we should with those brave men who are dying that the freedom of mankind may not be endangered, and that those who have stayed at home and future generations may continue to live and be born and bred in the traditions of ordered liberty?

We should all feel the stimulus of the example of those whose strenuous efforts and noble self-sacrifice are opposing on the Western front such a stubborn opposition to the Teutonic tyrant. Surely, the fighting spirit that shines so brightly in France to-day will inspire the people who have stayed at home to give the soldiers the support they look for. The will to win the war should be as strong among those who are fighting for us. They are showing 100 per cent. of patriotism. Why should we show less?

Surely, the spectacle of the bloody struggle now raging, and the heroic courage and endurance of the Allies, will harden our resolution to increase our home effort and maintain it unslackened until the day of victory dawns. The dead must not be sacrificed in vain. The iniquitous and tyrannical will of Prussianism must never be allowed to enforce itself on the world. We must take more seriously our duty of co-operating with the men on the fighting line by doing all in our power to help them. Our part at home is to save, to give and work more earnestly, to put money, brain, muscle and everything we have into the fight. Begin to-day to do more toward helping to win the war. —Vancouver Daily Sun.

Selective Conscription and a Newfoundland Victory Loan will help win the war.

IS NEWFOUNDLAND TO BE DISHONORED?

Boys, have you seen the last messsage from England?

OUR REGIMENT IS IN THE TRENCHES SHORT OF MEN

They have called on the Reserves and there are no Reserves.

IT IS SHAMEFUL!

We have lots of men who can go and whose christian duty it is to go, who are not there! If you have not offered, and can, you are for ever shamed! If you cannot go yourself, it is up to you for the honor of our country, and for the safety of our Freedom, to see that those who can go, do so.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Are you alive to your responsibilities? You can influence somebody to

VOLUNTEER!

Do something! It is your christian duty!

We must have SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION to keep up the Regiment and so retain our honor, but in the meantime We Must Have Volunteers. It is the Hightest Honor to be a Volunteer. The Returned Soldiers say so. Boys, you are Men of Spirit, you will Volunteer.

(Signed) THE SOLDIERS.

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE
For not being with the Boys?
YOU ARE BADLY NEEDED "OVER THERE"
Your duty is to go! Why not TODAY?
THIS SPACE GIVEN TO THE REGIMENT BY G. M. BARR.

Lieut. Murphy's Lecture

The Casino was completely filled last night to hear Lieut. Leo Murphy lecture on "From Belgium to Monchy." His subject covered that period from 1916 to 1917 the time he was with the Regiment in France. He described his impressions on landing at Boulogne where the people of a nation steeled to action had gathered to meet them. In France every woman was engaged at some kind of war work and every man was in uniform. On arriving at Etaples they began to realize what war meant. He then described his going up to the line, the meeting of old friends, the going into the first line of trenches to Hell fire corner. Finally with the 29th Division "Ours" moved out in front of Guedecourt. Shortly after arriving there "Ours" were subjected to a 48 hours bombardment of the most violent kind and suffered 127 casualties. Pte. Errol Munn, despatch rider, finally came along with the news that we were to go over the top in the morning. At 4 o'clock in the morning the forces began to move into position and as D Co. passed B which was already in, Lieut. Murphy saw Capt. O'Brien sitting on the parados of his trench, also Lieut. Sam Ebsary who was resting on a tree stump. Following Guedecourt "Ours" fell back to a small village where they rested. While there a concert was held in a Y. M. C. A. hut where Pte. Esau Penny, of "Ours," sang a song of 32 verses much to the delight of all present. Lieut. Murphy vividly described the attack on January 27th—the Kaiser's birthday—the various raiding parties of "Ours," how 12 men and an officer held a most important part of the line. It was here that Lieut. Gerald Byrne won his M.C. by bombing the enemy out of the trenches into which they had jumped. The courage of "Ours" was plainly shown by the action of Pte. Sam Manuel, who, tired of using bombs, threw off his tunic and fought with his fists till the end. The saving of Monchy-le-Prieux by a handful of "Ours" under command of Lt. Col. Forbes Robertson won for all time undying honour and glory for Newfoundland but sad to say there is a grave danger of losing all that those brave men had fought and died for.

The lecture closed with a tribute to those noble women who in hospitals are devoting themselves to restoring the health of the wounded. A vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Rendell and seconded by Mr. H. Brownrigg was accorded the lecture by acclammation.

During the evening solos were rendered by Miss Brown and Captain Campbell, while a patriotic recitation was given by Mr. T. H. O'Neill. The C. C. C. Band was in attendance and discoursed sweet music.

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