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THE WAR WRECK FOR BRITISH

GERMANS STRIKING AGAIN IN THE SOMME SECTOR

**HEAVY RUSHES
OF ENEMY ARE
BROKEN UP BY
ALLIED CANNON**

**Batteries Smash Assaults
Along North Somme Sector.**

GERMAN LOSSES LARGE

**French Guns Counter Smartly
and Stop Attack—Haig
Improves Position.**

The French and British artillery have inflicted severe losses on the Germans in the Flanders attack of last evening.

STRONG ASSAULTS.

London, April 24.—Strong German attacks developed last evening in the neighborhood of Dranouter, on the Flanders front, but were repulsed by French troops, the war office announced.

Heavy infantry attacks are reported to be in progress this morning in the Albert sector, north of the Somme, and also between the Somme and the Aves Rivers.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS.

Paris, April 24.—The German artillery has been conducting an extremely heavy bombardment of the Franco-British front between the Somme and the Aves, in the region of Ham-en-Santerre and Villers-Bretonneux, the war office reports today.

LONDON WAR REPORT.

London, April 24.—The British official statement follows:
The hostile artillery activity increased yesterday afternoon and evening on the greater part of the British front, particularly in the Somme and Aves sectors in the valley of the Scarpe and in the sectors north of Bethune and north-northeast of Lille.

At dusk hostile infantry left their trenches to attack north of Albert. But met with heavy rifle and machine gun fire and were driven back.

"Strong hostile attacks developed also late in the evening in the neighborhood of Dranouter, and were repulsed by French troops after sharp fighting. French and British artillery inflicted severe losses on the enemy."

FRENCH GUNS COUNTER.

Paris, April 24.—The French statement follows:
"Between the Somme and the Aves, the enemy's bombardment during the night took on a character of extreme violence along the Franco-British front, especially in the region of Ham-en-Santerre and Villers-Bretonneux. French artillery carried on an energetic counter-bombardment of the German batteries."

INFASTRY ATTACKS STARTED.

London, April 24.—During the night the activity of the enemy's artillery continued, and at an early hour this morning a heavy bombardment was opened along practically the whole British front from north of Albert to our junction with the French south of the Somme. Strong infantry attacks are reported in progress in the Albert sector and between the Somme and the Aves Rivers.

"Heavy hostile shelling is reported to have taken place all night and this morning between Givenchy and Arras. Concentration of hostile infantry in the neighborhood of Merville were dispersed by our artillery."

IRISH ALSO OPPOSING

BUSINESS COMPULSION

Dublin, April 23.—At a labor meeting at Athlone today it was resolved to oppose industrial as well as military conscription. Women workers pledged themselves to undertake no work previously done by men.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 41. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 25.

TOMORROW—FAIR, WARMER.

Toronto, April 24.—8 a.m. forecasts.

Today—Northwest winds, fair and cool.

Thursday—Fair and a little warmer.

Temperatures for the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	44	Cloudy
Winnipeg	44	20	Clear
Port Arthur	36	15	Clear
Parry Sound	38	25	Clear
Port Stanley	40	20	Clear
Buffalo	48	20	Cloudy
Toronto	50	20	Fair
Kingston	48	20	Fair
Ottawa	40	22	Snow
Montreal	40	36	Fair
Quebec	48	34	Cloudy
Father Point	50	34	Fair

The barometer is highest over the great lakes and Missouri valley, and low both east and west. The weather has become warmer in the western provinces, and cooler in Ontario and Quebec.

MOST "SPEED UP" OF BIG TANK IS TO REACH GOAL

CAMPAIGN NOTES

D. H. Howden & Co.	\$3,000
London and Western Trusts	2,000
George Robinson	2,000
A. M. Smith & Co.	2,000
V. E. Saunders	1,500
A. M. Smart	1,500
D. H. and J. K. McDermid	1,500
Stewart & Sons	1,500
London Shoe Company	1,500
Greene-Swift & Co.	1,500
Gorman, Eckers & Co.	1,500
National Brass	1,200
C. R. Somerville	1,200
Major Hugo Gordon	1,200
Lawson & Jones	1,200
Edward Adams & Co.	1,200
William W. Reid	1,000
London Free Press	1,000
Hunt Bros.	1,000
J. S. Meredith	1,000
London and Petrol Barrel Com- pany	1,000
H. E. Boomer	1,000
Moses Massey & Co.	1,000
A. B. Greer & Sons	1,000
T. F. Kingmill	1,000
London Printing and Lithograph- ing Company	1,000

An out-of-town man walked in to see A. D. McLean, honorary treasurer of the Patriotic campaign fund, last week and tendered him a check for \$50 as an expression of his sympathy. The good samaritan positively refused to have his name mentioned. "I'm with you in this," is what he said.

"Practically everyone increased their subscriptions, and we have had only one refusal this forenoon," was the good news brought to headquarters at noon by one canvasser.

A well-known London man increased his subscription by \$100, because the Salvation Army overseas is among the objects to benefit by the patriotic campaign.

Cynthia Grey received a letter from a reader of her corner of the Advertiser, enclosing a postal order for \$1 for the Patriotic fund, and expressing deep sympathy with it, and regretting that the amount was not much larger.

J. C. Beemer is rendering valuable assistance by seeing enough motor cars are provided for all errands and emergencies.

When the canvasser called at the home of a woman who earns her living by washing and cleaning for other people, the hostess said: "I haven't any money, but I will give you the envelope please, and I will go out and earn some money to put in it. I want to have a part in this."

As a woman canvasser was leaving her home early this morning, the maid proffered her subscription of \$1. "I can't afford it, but I would like to give this."

125 IN FIRST LIST OF THOSE NOW CALLED UP

Men of 20, 21 and 22 Years
of Age Start Reporting for
Duty Next Wednesday.

REHEARING FOR B MEN

Questionnaires Basis for Or-
dering Some Before the
Tribunals Shortly.

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London Has to "Come Across"
in Patriotic Drive and Com-
mittee Devises Means.

TEAM RETURNS BETTER

Last Year's Big Subscribers,
However, Gave Boost Lack-
ing in This Campaign.

The big war tank, the symbol of progress adopted in London's grand patriotic drive of this week, requires some speeding up. In order to decide how this may be accomplished, a meeting is being held this afternoon of the executive committee and captains of teams. Last year in the first day's canvass, the returns, including those of the central committee for the larger sub-
scribers, showed a grand total of \$257,000. Last evening when the first report was made, the returns of the central committee and teams totaled just \$158,581.70, enough to make the nose of the tank to the \$200,000 trench, the second objective in the drive.

The central committee is ahead on 104 of the larger subscribers of 130 left to this august body to interview. The subscribers of the 108 total \$153,730, an increase of nearly \$2,000. Forty-three of these subscribers gave more than last year. \$5 by in-
creases of from \$200 to \$2,000 increased their joint giving by \$19,000, while 30 decreased their combined total by \$17,500.

Thirty-one of the 130 have not reported at all, and the combined subscrip-
tions of these thirty-one last year amounted to \$38,500. No doubt several of them will "come across" before the campaign is over.

Games Old Better.

So far as the general canvassing is concerned, the average for the first day of the teams was about \$2,500. Yesterday the average was nearer \$3,000. The committee and teams, like the soldiers fighting men, refuse to be discouraged, however.

The door of the patriotic headquarters was pushed open at a quiet hour this afternoon and the attention of those in charge was attracted by cautious foot-
steps and the tap, tap, tap of the cane of a blind man on the floor. He handed in an envelope as his contribution. Opened after he left, it was found to contain a \$5 bill. The donor simply
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NEW STAMP TAX MAY BE ORDERED

Govt. Also Likely to Increase
the Excise Duties on
Tobacco.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, April 24.—There is much con-
fidence as to the probable forms of taxation which the Dominion will adopt for the increase of its revenue. A study of the British budget proposals must lead to the conclusion that Canada has still many sources of revenue untapped for the federal government. It is believed here that a number of new taxes may be extended to a number of other negotiable papers and documents.

A number of new stamp taxes is said to be pending. Taxes on cheques, etc., may be extended to a number of other negotiable papers and documents.

PARTY CAUCUS DESIRES

REID FOR MAGISTRATE

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Goderich, April 24.—At a Conservative caucus held last night, it was decided to recommend Charles Reid for the position of police magistrate of Goderich in place of W. E. Kelly resigned. Mr. Reid is an ex-mayor of the town, and has lived here all his life.

UNITED STATES WARNS HOLLAND.

Washington, April 24.—The United States is prepared to withdraw its recent offer of three ships to expedite grain to Holland, if the harsh and unfair comment of Dutch newspapers, accusing the United States of duplicity in the condition that equal tonnage should leave Dutch harbors for America, is to be taken as indicative of the feeling of the Netherlands Government and people.

BRITISH AND U.S. FLEETS AS ONE

London, April 24.—The American industrial mission yesterday visited the Clyde shipbuilding yards over two whole days the case of Goderich Manufacturing Company vs. several insurance companies came to the attention of the members of the mission. The members of the mission were given a most cordial reception aboard the British and American warships and the com-
mander of the American vessels told them that the American sailors regarded themselves as part of the British navy, that co-operation was running most smoothly, and that in everything but purely naval and technical matters there was nothing whatever to distinguish between the two navies.

After the visit to the fleets, the British admiralty entertained the delegates at luncheon at the Rosyth naval base.

COME ACROSS!



Advertiser Illustration.

INVITED SIR ADAM OUTSIDE TO HAVE "BLOCK KNOCKED OFF" TO REACH MOLE

T. J. Stewart, M. P., Used Term to Beck at Ottawa, Which
Usually Means a Battle—Furious Row Followed by
Two Other Milder Ones.

Ottawa, April 24.—A furious row between T. J. Stewart, M. P., of Hamilton, and Sir Adam Beck, followed Tuesday's session of the Commons railway committee, at which Mr. Stewart had upheld the renewal of the Toronto, Niagara and Western Company charter.

Mr. Stewart alleges that Sir Adam told him after the meeting that he (Stewart) had been standing by his friends "as usual," apparently meaning the private interests, and asked him how much he got for it.

Sir Adam denies that he put the latter query to the Hamilton member, who, by the way, is a hydro commis-
sioner in that city, but he admits the remark about sticking by his friends.

What Mr. Stewart's reply may be translated into printable English, as follows:
"You are a such and such a kind of a fellow, and if you ever say that again I'll knock your block off."

He then invited Sir Adam outside for a demonstration of the said block-knocking process.

BRANTFORD MAN MADE SUPT. OF REGISTRARS

THINKS C. N. R. STOCK IS QUITE WORTHLESS

Toronto, April 24.—"I would say in my judgment the Canadian Northern Railway common stock is not only worthless, but worse than worthless, because it carries with it a great obligation to the people of Canada."

This was the rather startling statement made before the Canadian Northern Railway arbitration today by J. I. Payne, controller of statistics at Ottawa.

Mr. Payne declared that for the year 1917 there was a deficit of over six million dollars in the proper charges against revenue were to be taken into consideration. He further declared that the company was short \$10,000,000 in earnings to make it "superficially solvent."

BOMB ABOARD CAUSED AMERICAN SHIP'S LOSS

Paris, April 23.—The blowing up of the American steamship Florence H. off the coast of Brittany, is believed to have been due, says the Radio Agency, to a bomb placed on board before she left the United States, so timed as to explode when the vessel reached port. Owing to a fire on board, the news agency says, the bomb exploded prematurely.

PLANTS ARE DESTROYED

London, April 25.—German newspapers received at Zurich say that two large powder factories at Giesenbach, near Salzburg, 156 miles southwest of Vienna, have been destroyed, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Switzerland. Explosions, which are believed to have been caused by incendiaries, are said to have resulted in heavy casualties.

HUNS REOPEN DRIVE, MOVING UPON HAIG WITH HEAVY FORCES IN TRY FOR AMIENS

British Headquarters Announce Attack In
Progress After Powerful Bombardment
Along the Somme Sector.

With the British Army in France, April 24.—The Germans began a heavy bombardment of the British positions in the Somme sector this morning, and the latest reports state that an attack is in progress.

IN MASSED WAVES.

London, April 24.—The attack delivered late yesterday by the Germans northwest of Albert was in the region of Aveluy Wood, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. The Germans left their trenches after an intense artillery barrage and advanced in massed waves. When they encountered the British rifle and machine-gun fire, however, they retired without endeavoring to come to close action.

BATTLEFRONT SEETHING.

With the British Army in France, April 24.—A German bombardment of the British positions on both sides of the River Lawe, on the northern battlefield, was begun at 4 o'clock this morning. A large section of this battlefield is seething, although the definite dimensions of the infantry action are not yet known.

DISPERSED BY BRITISH.

With the British Army in France, April 24.—Northwest of Albert early today enemy troops, which advanced from their trenches for an assault, were driven back by the British fire. Northwest of Merville a large concentration of German soldiers was dispersed by the British artillery.

THE WAR SITUATION

CHEESE PRICE SAID FIXED AT 23 CENTS A LB.

Authoritative Report of In-
creased British Govt. Offer
Given Out.

Canadian cheese is to be bought at 23 cents a pound by the British Government this year, according to report from reliable quarters. Although no official statement has been issued, it is said that the price has been fixed definitely at the above figure, an increase of 14 cents over that paid for Western Ontario cheese last year.

So far, nothing is known as to whether action has been taken towards having the grading of the product done at the point of original shipment instead of at Montreal, but it is thought probable that something will be done to make the grading conditions more in accordance with justice.

It is rumored, also, that cheese will not be the only milk product for which a fixed price will be set, but that similar regulations will cover condensed milk, powdered milk, thus affording protection to those farmers who continue to produce cheese factories and to the cheese industry itself. Complaint was made last year that the price paid for cheese was too low to enable producers to supply to the latter branches of the dairy business.

DETROIT FOLK ARE FOOTING IT TODAY; STRIKE STOPS CARS

3,000 Employees Quit and Tie
Up System.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Street car service in Detroit was brought to a standstill this morning as the result of the action of a small proportion of the motormen and conductors of the Detroit United Railway in voting late last night to suspend work. About five hundred of the more than 3,000 carmen voted for the strike, without the sanction of the union officers and sent out pickets to meet the men reporting for work this morning. The few cars that started out on the day runs were soon surrounded by the men and most of the city's wage-earners walked to their places of employment.

The carmen are seeking increase in wages of 13, 14 and 15 cents an hour based on the length of service and other changes in working conditions. The ultimatum had been presented to the street railway company demanding compliance by Tuesday night with these requests, or agreement to submit the controversy to arbitration. It was delay in the negotiations with the company that precipitated the action of the several hundred employees last night.

PICKFORD'S CURL SOLD; KISS? NO!

Chicago, April 24.—Mary Pickford, selling Liberty Loan bonds here today, suddenly cut off a curl and shouted:
"Here, boys, how much am I offered for it?"

The curl went to Herbert Bohm for \$15,000. Then she put up the pen with which she had been signing bond receipts.

Burton H. Hales got it for \$15,000.

She offered to kiss Hales, but he lost himself in the crowd.

DESTROYED LOCK GATES.

One of the destroyers or submarines exploded a charge at the gates of the concrete-laden cruisers with which it was intended to block the channels, made their way through the harbor, accompanied, as far as it can be ascertained, by only one submarine. As they approached the entrance, they anchored, swung round on the cables and, according to the testimony of one of the observers, were sunk within 23 minutes.

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