

# HAIGS' REPORT SATURDAY P. M. MORE ENCOURAGING

## THE BRITISH AND FRENCH DEFENCE MUCH STRONGER

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Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper.)

London, April 27.—Although the Germans have pushed out onto the Ypres plain a few hundred yards in the last twenty-four hours, the tone of Field Marshal Haig's communique encourages the British and French. The latter's armies in the field have stiffened their defense considerably and fresh reinforcements are now offering stout resistance at all points.

The British troops holding Pilkem Ridge, east of Ypres, are in much the same position as they were preliminary to the withdrawal from Passchendaele Ridge when the Germans took Neuve Eglise and Bailleul. Haig says that the British hold Voormezele after prolonged fighting and that a heavy attack on the ridge and wood a mile southwest of Voormezele and a half a mile east of Dickebusch lake, in front of the place of that name, was beaten off.

Apparently the British have been pushed off of Messines Ridge, so the Ypres salient has become practically a semi-circle with a radius of less than two miles. Roughly the German line runs through Millebeke, east of Voormezele east of La Clytte, and east of Loere to Meteran.

#### Costly To Enemy.

Friday's fighting was exceedingly costly to the enemy. His attacks lacked none of the ferocity of Thursday, but they found stiffer opposition. Between Looca and La Clytte, on a two-mile sector held by the French, the German assaults followed one another in rapid succession. After four onslaughts the mountain troops, which had previously captured Kemmel Hill, took Looca at the foot of Mount Ronse and clambered up the slopes of Scherpenberg to the north, but the French chain of hills running west from Casreformed quickly and in a dash they are trying to storm Rouge

and Scherpenberg, while developing simultaneously a flanking movement to the north.

#### Territory Secondary.

What must be borne in mind constantly is that territory is only secondary in this gigantic battle. Foch's chief object is to conserve his strength and to exact a maximum toll for every position he yields.

On the southern portion of this battlefield local actions have been fought round Givenchy. In front of Amiens the Anglo-French forces have improved their positions following successful counter-attacks which regained Villers-Bretonneux and most of Hangard. Von Hindenburg said that the western campaign would cost a million men and possibly a million and a half. If the casualties continue to run as high as they did in the first five weeks and strategic successes are as slow in developing, the time will come shortly when Ludendorff must work with greater caution.

#### German Reserves.

However there is no question that Ludendorff still holds reserves for that tremendously big battle which is still to come. There may be no considerable pause until mid-summer. If the Josses continue on the scale of the first month of the campaign both armies will be near the point of exhaustion by that time. Five weeks have passed and still Ludendorff retains the initiative, which is pretty fair proof that he enjoys numerical superiority as well as better communications. Slowly one great allied army is being formed out of the British, French and American units which are being merged together into one defensive force. There is plenty of guns of all sizes and plenty of ammunition, but the Allies are short of men. The shortage seems to be greater than is actually the case because Ludendorff is able to concentrate his forces more quickly than Foch.

#### England Must Bleed.

In the next few months England will be combed closely for young recruits who will get an intensive course of training, while older men will act as substitutes for the trained soldiers in working the communications. England must bleed as France did during the days when Verdun's fate hung in the balance.

Again France must pay a big price. America must do everything to hurry the transportation of her troops which today form the finest potential force in the world, because America has a young army while the youth of Europe is gone. America is a tremendous moral stimulus to France and England in these great hours. The British army

is still far from the end. The courage of the British fighting man has never been put to a harder test and it has never deserved greater admiration.

#### The Channel Ports.

The time has come when consideration must be given to the question of what may happen if the Germans take Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne, channel ports which the enemy tried to get in 1914 and again in the spring of 1915. Before Ludendorff can reach that goal many weeks of unprecedented fighting must come. The odds are against him and his chances of success are small, but because he has a chance it is almost as certain as death that he will take it. This great campaign is the last throw of the German militaryists who, whatever they are, are not perishing on the battlefield.

From the allied point of view, the seriousness of the situation in the north lies in the constantly shrinking area in which their army has to manoeuvre.

Although it is twenty-five miles to the coast on the north and forty miles on the west, this free space is none too large to move about hundreds of thousands of men and their equipment. The Allies cannot retreat like the Russians did. They must fight as Haig said, with their backs to the wall. But great as would be the loss of the channel, it would not mean the defeat of the Allies. So long as they keep their armies intact Germany cannot win. Before she could reach the channel ports, Germany would be seriously near to exhaustion. The time may come in this battle when a comparatively small force may decide the whole war. Germany has no American reservoir. She must win a crushing victory this year or make peace.

Austria will undoubtedly strike at Italy next month. The Bulgars may hit at Macedonia, while the Turks are far from finished. All of the Central Powers are out for a clean-up. But what happens in France will decide the war and the decision is still many months off.

#### Humbly-Courtenay.

At St. David's church, Saturday morning, at 6.15 o'clock, H. R. Humbly of London, Ont., was married to Miss Ellen S. Courtenay, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan officiating. The bride is a daughter of Lieut. Frank A. and Mrs. Courtenay, 109 German street. The happy couple left for Yarmouth, N. S., and will visit Boston en route to their new home in London, Ont.

## HOLLAND'S DECISION ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

### Reply of Netherlands to German Demand Awaited with Much Concern in Western War Zone.

(By Casper Whitney, Special Cable Service to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.)

Paris, April 28.—Holland's reply to the German demand for the right of way for sand and gravel shipments is awaited with much concern in the western war zone. Far-sighted students familiar with German ambitions and methods believe that the alleged reason, although perhaps pressing, is but a minor element in the action. They believe that the impulse behind it is far deeper and concerns Antwerp and a German controlled outlet to the sea, and that it reveals an actual intent toward Belgium.

The Boche feeling is strong enough and the need sufficiently urgent for them to play cards long arranged and concealed. Germany wants gravel and sand merely as an incidental to the real object, which is the Limburg part of Holland and a direct German railroad from Essen and Dusseldorf for about 200 kilometres to Antwerp and by the Scheidt River to the North Sea.

A shorter line. This would give them a port after the war they expect to win and fight present would furnish a shorter line by way of Bruges to carry down munitions for the campaign in the north against Calais, which they are determined to take it within their utmost power, which they are exerting to the limit and will continue to exert for some time until the British and French stone wall holds them exhausted and beaten. The Essen to Antwerp railroad is no new thought. I heard it behind the German lines in 1915 discussed as part of the programme for connection in the future with Belgium. Whether Holland elects to observe neutrality or to suffer the fate of Belgium the time is ripe and I expect soon to hear the allies' declaration to the little nations assuring them of future restoration and integrity. That declaration is too long delayed. It would have been an invaluable aid, especially in the near east, and will

now heartily stiffen to win the southern and Adriatic slavs and other oppressed peoples who have been subjected by the Hapsburg dynasty as an instrument of Germanic domination. Rumania, and Yugoslavia would be a stumbling block to the Mitteleuropa scheme and would be a permanent barrier to the German movement toward the east.

#### THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court Saturday morning the military police officer who discharged a revolver on Union street was allowed out on bail. The case will be resumed next Friday.

Tony Marshall, a sub-contractor on the Valley Railway was charged with having more than ten pounds of dynamite in the private residence of Mrs. Creamer, 79 Bridge street on Friday night without her knowledge. The defendant had the explosives for railway work and purposed taking it on the steamer Oceone. He was remanded.

One man was remanded on drunkenness charge and three men reported for breaking traffic regulations were fined \$50 each, all fines being allowed to stand.

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#### OBITUARY

Mrs. W. D. Kelly. The death of Mrs. Annie Edith Kelly, wife of W. D. Kelly, of the C. P. R. freight department, took place Saturday morning. Mrs. Kelly, who was a daughter of the late John and Ellen McLeod, of this city, leaves, besides her husband, a brother, John McLeod, Portland, Maine. The funeral will be held this morning at 8.45 from the residence of her father-in-law, W. J. Kelly, 54 Murray street, to St. Peter's church.

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## Brief Survey of Y.M.C.A. Service to Soldiers

- Branches in 20 Forestry Camps established last year.
- Y.M.C.A. service extends from Vancouver to the firing line and then back to patients in hospitals until men are discharged.
- Y.M.C.A. Secretaries accompany troop trains.
- Between 400 and 500 millions of letters and cards written and posted in Y.M.C.A. tents, huts and dugouts since war began.
- Splendid service to boys in Canadian Camp hospitals. Regular sing-songs and inspirational addresses with distributions of magazines, fruit, chocolates, gum, books and smokes.
- Y.M.C.A. nightly under fire in many places.
- 300,000 letters a day written in Y.M.C.A. buildings.
- Troops furnished with athletic equipment (helps morale of troops).
- Entertainments, Bible classes, sing-songs, good night services and personal interviews conducted by Y.M.C.A. workers.
- Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Clubs in Toronto, St. John, Montreal and other cities for returned soldiers and enlisted men.

## National Council, Young Men's Christian Association

Campaign Directors for Maritime Provinces

New Brunswick: Eber H. Turnbull, 64 Prince William St., St. John, N.B. Nova Scotia: D. G. Cock, Chronicle Bldg., Halifax, N.S. P. E. Island: Lieut. Ulric Dawson, Headquarters Y.M.C.A., Charlottetown.

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WINDS, fair, and land—Rain Monday, warmer Monday, increasing

11th 8h. 58m. a.m.—A disturbance from the southwest, has moved in heavy rains in the night and showers are in Canada this morning and warmer.

Min.	Max.
38	56
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