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British More Than Recoup Losses at St. Eloi; French on New Line Resist Desperate Attacks

FRENCH MEET ATTACK OF FRESH DIVISIONS; BRITISH COME BACK Craters Recaptured at St. Eloi, Where Canadians Are, and Connecting Trenches Occupied

Exposed to Full Fury of French Guns, Huns Lose Heavily South of Forges Brook—Russians Score Minor Successes on Lower Strips While Advance in Caucasus is Extending to Diarbek.

Without pause the German Crown Prince, taking advantage of the evacuation of the Bethincourt salient by the French, and the occupation of that position by the Germans, has thrown several divisions against the new French line, but so far has been unable to break that line at any point.

The bombardment of the whole front west of the Meuse is of increasing intensity on both sides. German moving down along the Haucourt-Bethincourt line, attacked the French position south of the Forges brook. Here they laid to rest the full fury of the French guns, which cost them heavy losses.

The French front along the strategic sector extending from Le Mort Homme to Cumieres remained unmoved, and further attempts to assault were arrested by the French curtain of fire.

The French still hold their positions in the Callette wood, which has been the scene of heavy fighting, and against which German attacks are being directed daily.

The last remaining mine crater taken recently by the Germans from the British at St. Eloi has been re-captured by King George's men, who also were able in their attack, to establish themselves in German trenches running south-west from the crater. The Canadians are in close touch with the British right in this section and have been participating in the fighting, but to what extent has not yet been disclosed.

COMMISSION SUSTAINED BY SWEEPING MAJORITY

Gets More Votes and a Bigger Majority Than When It Was First Adopted—Fisher, McLellan, Sharp and Sugrue Survive the Primaries—Commissioner Potts' Defeat a Surprise to Many—The Line-up for Finals.

Table with columns: Wards (Eggleston, Fisher, McLellan, Potts, Sharp, Sugrue, For Ward System), Votes, and Candidates (Fisher, McLellan, Potts, Sharp, Sugrue).

The commission form of government has been sustained. By their votes yesterday the citizens decided that the modern form of government introduced four years ago has been a success. Despite the violent attacks which have been made upon it in certain quarters the commission form of government has been approved by a large majority than that by which it was introduced.

GERMAN BARRICADES OF HUMAN DEAD FACE FIERY FRENCH SHELLS

Enemy in Attack on Callette Wood Near Verdun Carry Forward Defences French Charged With Cold Steel and Routed Defenders—On Another Part of Line French Cut Off German Retreat by Flame Throwing Apparatus—Many Lost Seeking Safety Behind Lines.

(Special Cable to The Telegraph) Paris, April 10.—Military authorities who thought that some steady witness on the western front had reached the most bloody phases are chronicled in the history of warfare, stood aghast at the sight of blood-curdling incidents at the battle for Callette Wood, near Verdun, according to reports received here today.

The Germans had leaped from their former positions before Verdun that it was impossible for flesh and blood to withstand the terrific pounding of the French artillery and the accompanying rain of metal from rifle and machine guns during a charge. Hence it was that they adopted a scheme, conceived by a madman's impulse for victory, by which to offset in a measure the French artillery bombardment.

ASQUITH'S CRUSHING REPLY TO SPEECH OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR

British Premier Tells What He Means by "Destruction of Military Domination of Prussia" War Will Make Possible "Settlement of International Problems by Free Negotiations on Equal Terms"—"We Are Not Defeated and We Are Not Going to be Defeated."

London, April 10, 10.35 p.m.—On the occasion of a government reception to visiting French senators and deputies at Lancaster House tonight, Premier Asquith took the opportunity to reply to the speech recently delivered in the Reichstag by the imperial German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg. Those present included Earl Kitchener, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Sir Edward Grey, J. Austen Chamberlain, Sir Walter Rendelman, Lewis Harcourt, Viscount Bryce, A. J. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil.

The German chancellor wants us to assume the attitude of a defeated to a victorious adversary. BUT WE ARE NOT DEFEATED; WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE DEFEATED.

RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT DENIED

Definitely and Finally by German in Sussex Incident—Note to Be Delivered to U. S. Today

Washington, April 10.—The state department today was still without official information of Germany's disclaimer of responsibility. Germany has asked Ambassador Gerard what information regarding the explosion of the damaged steamer the Sussex is in the possession of the American government. This inquiry was forwarded by Ambassador Gerard to the state department. When the inquiry was made, Mr. Gerard was informed that German investigation into the case of the Sussex had not up to that time, disclosed that any German submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Sussex.

Berlin, April 10, via London.—The German note in response to the inquiries of the American government regarding the channel steamer Sussex and the steamers Englishman, Manchester, Engineer, Eagle Point and Berchwalde, will be transmitted to the American embassy in Berlin today. The note will be accompanied by a copy of the German investigation into the case of the Sussex had not up to that time, disclosed that any German submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Sussex.

RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN GAINS. From the Divna river to the Lower Strips there has been sporadic fighting between the Russians and Germans. Considerable activity by the armies of both sides also has been shown. Near Komora, in the Pripiet marsh region, a German attack, launched by means of boats, broke down under the Russian fire, while on the Lower Strips the Russians captured a German trench and laid to rest counter-attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

Two Merchantmen Fall Prey to War Devices. Washington, April 10.—The state department today was still without official information of Germany's disclaimer of responsibility. Germany has asked Ambassador Gerard what information regarding the explosion of the damaged steamer the Sussex is in the possession of the American government.

SIR SAM HUGHES EXPECTED IN HIS SEAT BY FRIDAY. Ottawa, April 10.—Hon. George P. Graham who was leading the opposition just before adjournment of the house tonight noted that Premier Borden had asked that the resolution calling for morning sittings be allowed to stand over. This had been taken as an indication that an Easter prorogation had been abandoned. Moreover, there had been a well defined rumor in the corridors that the government proposed a lengthy adjournment at Easter.