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THE NEW GERMAN ADVANCE ENDANGERS FRENCH CAPITAL

London Daily Mail Declares Southern Flank of Amiens Position in Peril as Result of Fall of Montdidier—Other London Newspapers Also Inclined to Be Rather Pessimistic.

London, March 29.—Editorials in the morning newspapers today comment in grave but confident tones on what the majority characterize as a fresh crisis in the battle.

"The Daily Mail, alluding to the new enemy thrust at the French, says:

"The question is whether the French can beat back this new and terrific attack. Southeast of Montdidier they recovered nearly two miles of ground yesterday by a dashing counter-stroke but Montdidier still remains in the hands of the Germans."

"The new German advance not only threatens the southern flank of the Amiens position, but menaces Paris also and endangers the stability of the whole line. The task of the Allied armies will be to try to hold the Germans to the utmost."

Emphasizing that the Germans continue to hold Montdidier and are "apparently astride the main railway line from Amiens to Paris," the Daily Express says:

"This is serious if the advantage can be held; yet it is of great importance that the French line is still unbroken. It would be as great a folly to take a too optimistic as a too pessimistic view of the situation. The struggle is not over. We must abide the issue calmly and go about our business unperturbed in the spirit which animated our forefathers in kindred emergencies."

The Daily Chronicle hits at a coming Entente counter-stroke, saying:

"The seriousness of the loss of Montdidier, when the enemy has cut the Paris-Amiens railway, is difficult to estimate, as we have no indication as to the breadth of the front at that point of the German advance. The further the arrow heads of this advance are driven, the more important these questions of breadth become, because otherwise the enemy exposes himself increasingly to counter-strokes against his flank similar to those which we suffered at Cambrai."

"While the Allies naturally are fighting their hardest to prevent the enemy from gaining further ground it is unlikely they will devote their main reserve to this task. The object for which these reserves are being concentrated is not to check the German advance, but to undo it, and in that sense the most important phase of the battle has not yet developed."

"We remain confident of ultimate victory," the Daily Chronicle concludes, "but every hour in which the overhanging shadows can be lifted is a gain to us and a proportional dissonance to the enemy. He is defeated twice if he can be defeated quickly."

The Daily Graphic says:

"The great battle goes on and although the Germans are advancing much more slowly than in the earlier days it must be regretfully recorded that they are nevertheless progressing."

The Daily News, considering the situation serious, calls for Entente counter-thrusts, saying:

"In the future the only thing which could conceivably give ground for serious disquietude to the friends of the Allies would be prolonged absence of any sign of reaction on the part of the French and British armies. This paper concedes that the question is a technical one for the high command to decide, but says: 'Other things being equal, the psychological factor involved in any delay ought not to be overlooked. Both the French and British peoples have borne with admirable firmness and fortitude the blow aimed at them.'

"The Evening News says it learns on high authority that nothing has occurred on the western front within the last twelve hours to necessitate revision of the confident views held officially."

"The Hun mass-attacks on the north of our line are being stubbornly met," it adds, "and the enemy is not gaining anything worth a title of the enormous losses inflicted on him. The French in the south also are doing extremely well. The possibility of further retirement is not ignored, but the taking the whole battlefield into review, it is considered that the situation is well in hand."

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CANADIANS GIVE ENEMY HEAVY DOSE OF GAS

Boys from Dominion Expect to Mix Up in General Fighting—Bourassa Hears Class 2 May Be Called Out in June.

(By W. A. Willison, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Mar. 29.—All units and all ranks in the Canadian army look to the future and the possibility of their being embroiled in the offensive now raging on their right flank with high courage and a steadfast determination that they shall be worthy of the Dominion and worthy of the high record of its forces.

While nothing approaching battle-like activity on the whole of our front has yet developed, our army has been busy day and night. With moonlight nights there has been great aerial activity, our planes being busy behind the enemy lines, whilst hostile machines have bombed villages on our front, in some cases flying so low that they have swept the streets with their machine guns.

Small parties of French civilians are to be met with on the road moving out of the shell area, but there is no general civilian evacuation and hope and confidence have increased that the enemy, in his desperate gamble for a decision has hastened his final defeat.

North from Lens to Hill 70 we gave the enemy another heavy dose of lethal gas early this morning. No fewer than 1,500 drums were projected on his front line communications in the battle area. Thirty minutes later our guns opened in a battle barrage which lasted for fifteen minutes and swept the enemy assembly, support and front line areas.

The Second Class.

Montreal, Mar. 29.—Le Devoir quotes Registrar Godin as announcing: "It is not improbable that the second class under the Military Service Act will be called up, as the number of men secured from the first class is not great enough."

Le Devoir states that it has received private information to the effect that the second class will be called in June.

THREE PERSONS PERISH

New York, Mar. 29.—Three persons were burned to death, one was killed by a fall and two were seriously injured in a theatrical boarding house in West 38th street early this morning.

The identified dead: Catherine Harrington and Edward Swanson. Two bodies of unidentified women are at a morgue.

FREDERICTON FIRE

Fredericton, Mar. 29.—Fire broke out in a set of buildings in the heart of the city this afternoon. Eighteen head of cattle and ten horses were in the stable when the fire originated. All the stock but one horse was got out. The fire spread to adjoining buildings, but was extinguished before it got headway. The property is owned by Searle and Lamson and the loss is \$3,000.

CLERGY ENDEAVOR TO SAVE LIFE OF ARMY ADVENTURER

Bishop Lawrence and Father Convers, Formerly of Mission Church, St. John, Intercede for Percy De Willoughby in Boston.

Boston, Mar. 29.—Percy De Willoughby, facing execution as a deserter, has made a fervent plea to officers of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission for permission to end his life as a soldier on the battlefields of France.

The young man, who was lionized in Boston as a wounded British captain, is charged with desertion from the British army, impersonating a British officer, and forgery in connection with the passing of bad cheques.

His plea was made at a conference of British officers to whom he was turned over by the United States immigration officials, following his arrest last Saturday.

De Willoughby's plea was supported by Bishop William Lawrence, the Rev. Albert Crabtree, Episcopal missionary to prisons, and the Rev. Fr. Convers of the Cowley order and formerly of the Mission church, St. John.

The clergymen told Major Kenneth D. Marlett that the man admitted his sins but was truly repentant, and they asked for leniency.

As a result of the conference between British and Canadian officers De Willoughby's case was referred to the Canadian authorities for disposition.



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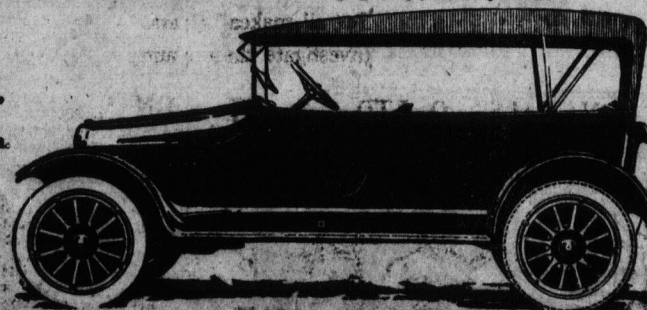
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