

FRENCH ARMY ATTACKS GERMANS FURIOUSLY

GERMANS AGAIN FORCED TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE

Front Extended Between Six and Seven Miles to Eastward of Rheims — French Record Considerable Gain — Two Towns Bombed.

(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)

Grand headquarters of the French army on the French front, April 30—(Evening)—The Germans were forced to engage in battle again today along a front extending between six and seven miles to the eastward of Rheims. The French attack was delivered from a short distance southward of Beine to Moronvillers. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the task confronting them the French at the end of the day, had won a tactical victory and captured considerable territory, although most obstinate fighting continued on ground strongly fortified and offering every advantage to the defenders.

Furious Attack.

So furious was the French advance that at one period of the day the German forces were compelled to throw into the line another of the few remaining divisions of their strategic reserves, but still could not stay the French progress.

The correspondent of the Associated Press passed Sunday night on the battlefield, observing the artillery preparation for the attack, which presented one of the weirdest of sights. Even the brightly starlit sky did not permit one to observe the outlines of the objects aimed at, but throughout the night dozens of French batteries, cleverly concealed, poured out an incessant stream of shells against the German positions and gun stations. The flashes of fire, when they left the muzzles, looked like sparks caused by striking flint on steel, while the air vibrated with the terrific cracks and shrieks, varying according to their calibre, as they passed overhead.

Towns Bombed.

Meanwhile the location of the German and French front lines could be defined in consequence of the constant succession of flares on each side, which were lighted for the purpose of observing any possible movement of the enemy infantry. Overhead could be heard, at a low altitude, the whirring motors of German airplanes, trying vainly to locate the French batteries. Numbers of tracing bullets, bearing long tails of light, were sent up in order to outline the

VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIRE IN THE CHAMPAGNE

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man prisoners, including 243 officers. In the same period we also captured 257 guns and howitzers, including 98 heavy guns and howitzers, 227 trench mortars and 470 machine guns.

"In addition to those we captured, many of the enemy's guns, howitzers, trench mortars and machine guns have been destroyed by our artillery fire.

"Marked activity in the air continued yesterday and during the night. In the air fighting eight German machines were brought down by our airplanes, two of which fell in our lines, nine others were driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down. Nine of our airplanes are missing."

French Statement.

Paris, May 1.—The communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "Quite spirited artillery actions took place along the Chemin-Des-Dames, particularly near Hurbelise and Cronne, as well as in the region of Courcy."

"In Champagne there was violent artillery fighting south of Moronvillers. In this region the enemy threw a heavy bombardment against the positions recently captured by us yesterday northeast of Mont Haut. Our barrage fire and the fire of our machine guns on both occasions broke the waves of assault and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

"The number of un wounded prisoners taken by us in the fighting of April 30 was 520; we also captured five cannon in the period from April 24 to 30."

"Sub-Lieut Delorme (Dorme) has brought down his 21st enemy machine. Eastern theatre: A fresh strong counter-attack was launched on the 29th by the Bulgarians against the positions recently captured by the British troops near Lake Doiran. It was repulsed with heavy losses. Very spirited artillery actions have occurred along the whole front."

Russian Statement.

Petrograd, May 1, via London.—"On the Caucasian front, southwest of Baneh, near Armdira, a large party of Kurds made a heavy attack on our guards," says today's official announcement. "The situation was restored by our cavalry. Attacks by Kurds and local inhabitants on organizations in the rear of our army are becoming more frequent."

"On the Russo-Galician and Rumanian front there are the usual reconnoitering operations and rifle firing."

Italian Statement.—"The artillery activity was intermittent yesterday all along the front," says today's war office statement.

"It was heavy in the Frigidio Valley and on the northern edge of the Carso, continuing well into the night. Reconnaissance by both sides caused several encounters. We took some prisoners, including an officer."

"Enemy seaplane raids are reported along the Lower Isonzo. Some damage was done."

GRAVE DISORDERS IN THE CAPITAL OF RUSSIA

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walkout by the strikers, who are demanding increased pay, shorter hours and improved working conditions, has lessened the daily bread supply by one million loaves, it is estimated, and it is feared additional smaller bakeries will be forced to close immediately. If the strike is not settled within a reasonable time, the federal government may possibly take action in relieving the situation.

Phone Operators Out.

Winnipeg, Man., May 1.—After the telephone service in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba had been "dead" for over three hours this morning the exchange operators went back to work at eleven o'clock, pending further negotiations with the government. If these are not satisfactory to the operators they will go on strike definitely tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

In Ontario.

Porcupine, May 1.—The labor situation both here and at Cobalt has shown a remarkable improvement since the sense of alien enemies commenced. Under the new order of things the alien enemy finds himself unable to leave one place for another without a permit.

Montreal Strikes.

Montreal, May 1.—About 200 men struck here today. About 150 of the strikers are cigar makers.

Milk Men Strike.

Springfield, Mass., May 1.—Five hundred milk producers in Western Massachusetts declared a strike today. The producers demand 6 1/2 cents per quart.

Trouble on Vessels.

Boston, May 1.—A complete tie-up is threatened by the I. W. W. to all vessels which fail to grant the demand of the union for an increase in the

NINE N. B. MEN GIVE UP LIVES

Ottawa, May 1.—The casualty list issued from the record office of the militia department Tuesday night contains ninety-seven names. It reports thirty-nine killed in action, three died of wounds, forty-nine wounded, two suffering from contusion, one suffering from shell shock, two seriously ill and one died. This brings the total since Easter Monday up to 12,529.

The list follows:

Killed in action:
J. S. Layton, Blackville, N. B.
A. Bastarache, Sutoche, N. B.
R. Cable, Upper Nappan, N. S.
A. Comeau, Petit Rocher, N. B.
Fred Rice, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Albert Robitheid, St. Rose, N. B.
Raymond Mear, Chatham, N. B.
Wilfred McEwen, Newcastle, N. B.
Alex. McGraw, St. Isidore, N. B.
J. S. McLeod, Chatham, N. B.
J. P. Nelson, Campbellton, N. B.

Wounded:
D. O. McDow, New Ross, N. S.
A. H. Slade, Halifax.
W. S. McNutt, Truro, N. S.
Seriously ill:
J. W. King, Pictou, N. S.
J. A. Topp, Campbellton, N. B.

Artillery:
Wounded:
Gunner Harry Munro, Sydney, N. S.

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA NOW REAL PRESIDENT

Mexico City, May 1.—Venustiano Carranza, late today took the oath of office as the first constitutional president of Mexico since the assassination of Francisco Madero, on February 23, 1913. Backed by a majority of nearly 800,000 votes given him by the Mexican people at the March elections, President Carranza drove from the national palace to the chamber of deputies and swore to uphold the new constitution.

LONDON MAKES HISTORY

London, May 2.—(Through Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—What may be described as an historical record in the annals of the city was celebrated today, when the freedom of London was conferred on five of the empires 700th anniversary. General Jan Christian Smuts, minister of defence of South Africa; Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland; R. James Weston, the Maharaja of Bikaner, and Sir Satyendra Prasad Sinha, of India, delegates to the imperial conference. Among the distinguished men assembled were Right Hon. Walter Long, colonial secretary; Right Hon. Austin Chamberlain, secretary of state for India; Lord Bryce and many peers and members of the house of commons.

PRINCESS FROM HALIFAX ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

New York, May 1.—After arriving here on a steamship from Halifax, a woman whom the immigration authorities admit is the Princess Catherine Radziwili, was arrested.

The Princess Radziwili was advertised to lecture at the Biltmore Hotel on "My Relations with European Courts." In the advance notices sent out by a lecture bureau the names of Mrs. Philip Lydig, Mrs. Douglas Robinson and Mrs. Otta Kahn were among a dozen of prominence in this city credited with being sponsors for the lecture.

It was said later by officials of the immigration department she had been taken to Ellis Island for inquiry. Much secrecy surrounded the arrest and the charge upon which the government agents acted.

KILBANE OUTPOINTED WELSH

New York, May 1.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion of America, outpointed Freddie Welsh of Wales, world's champion lightweight, in eight of the ten rounds of a boxing match here tonight, according to the opinion of experts about the ring.

LANGFORD WON

St. Louis, May 1.—Sam Langford of Boston, knocked out Bill Tatz, of New York, in the fifth round of a scheduled twelve round bout here tonight. The men are both negroes.

JEFFRE AND VIVIANI HONORED IN SENATE

Washington, May 1.—Rene Viviani and Marshal Joffre, heads of the French mission, were received today on the floor of the senate. The galleries were packed with parties of distinguished visitors. Viviani, who delivered a stirring address in French, was warmly applauded.

When he had concluded, and the party started to leave the chamber, the senate, to a man; scores of representatives who had come over from the house, and the crowded galleries, arose and cried: "Joffre; Joffre; Joffre."

The gray haired marshal of France returned to the rostrum, and in an instant the chamber was quiet. Then waving his cap before him, he bowed low, and in the soft voice that is his, said: "I do not speak English, vive l'Amerique." Cheers after cheer greeted this, and they ceased only when the hero of the Marne had left the chamber.

CUSTOMS REVENUE FOR APRIL RECORD BREAKER

Ottawa, May 1.—The customs revenue for April amounted to \$14,149,156, which is the largest in the history of the department. The increase over April last year is no less a sum than \$3,308,584.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WANT REAL REFORMS

London, May 1.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam says: "The re-organization in greater Berlin of the Socialist party, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, has adopted a resolution which says: "Since a Liberal expansion of the German constitution will facilitate the speedy inauguration of peace negotiations, we request the Socialist party committee to strive for the suppression of the policy of promises of small concessions by a thorough denunciation of the German empire."

"Such action, according to the resolution, would include equal suffrage and responsible ministries for the empire and the federal states."

MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF BOSTON BANKER

Boston, May 1.—Alfonso Squillacioti, a leading North End banker, and also proprietor of the Hotel Venice, was mysteriously shot and killed this morning in his home on the top floor of 391 Hanover street.

His wife, whose maiden name was De Vito and whose relatives are large paper stock dealers in the North End, was found in a swoon by the police when they rushed into the house. She regained her senses for a few minutes and then relapsed into unconsciousness. She was taken to the hospital.

OBITUARY

Campobello, May 1.—The death is announced at Rockland, Me., of Charles Haskell. Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. Haskell, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Thurber. Mrs. Haskell's only child, a young man graduate of the Rockland High School, died suddenly less than two years ago.

ENTERTAINED AT BOYS' CLUB

About twenty members of the Fairville Methodist Church, Young People's Society, accompanied by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert Earle and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stout, descended upon the Boys' Club on Union street, last evening and gave them a rousing good time. A short but excellent programme was put on as follows: Miss Gladys Steers, vocal solo; Miss Stynes, piano solo; Miss Blanche McColgan, vocal solo; Arthur Murphy of the Boys' Club, recitation; Thatcher Townsend, also of the Boys' Club, in mouth organ and autoharp selections, and choruses by members of the Young People's Society. Arthur Murphy in his recitation displayed unusual talent for one so young, and his efforts were heartily applauded by those present. Rev. Gilbert Earle gave an interesting talk on "Character," and Rev. Geo. Scott of Halifax, who was an active worker in the Boys' Club some time ago, gave an account of early conditions in the club. Coffee, cake and sandwiches were served later.

CARPENTERS GET THE INCREASE

A meeting of the Carpenters' Union was held last night in the Painters Hall on Charlotte street to obtain reports from the carpenters concerning the wage increase which went into effect yesterday in most of the shops in the city. W. W. Williams, president of the Union, was the chief speaker. Most of the members present reported that their employers had agreed to pay the new rate of 45c an hour instead of the old rate of 37 cents an hour. The meeting was addressed by John Bruce, national organizer of the Plumbers' Union.

FOUR NON-PROHIBITIONISTS

The first day of prohibition in St. John saw four drunks arrested. Measured by the "tag" they had aboard their supply liquor will not hold out until the end of the week.

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(Canadian Headquarters (By mail), from Stewart. Cal Correspondent. Canada "Est la Guerre." It is the way up to the front. In an apparently bottomless is marked "open"; if a shell to a village where no one makes a ruin of someone. If an infantry battalion of finds itself detained over some village where no one have been made for billions who are abed have to die a thousand men, the account means for two hundred of the British some of occup their shoulders, elevate the and with convincing fl nounce: "C'est la Guerre."

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Representatives from Agricultural Societies, Women's Institutes, Boards of Trade, Educational Institutions, Women's Organizations, Leaders of Religious Organizations, have been invited to attend, and this public announcement is intended also as an invitation to any others who may not have been included in the call to this most important conference.

Representative men, merchants, ministers, teachers, are all urged to lend their aid and assistance.

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Excursion rates on government and Canadian Pacific railways on the standard certificate plan. Be sure and obtain standard certificate when buying ticket.

Further information may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture Fredericton.

WALTER E. FOSTER, Premier. J. F. TWEEDDALE, Minister of Agriculture. Fredericton, May 1st, 1917.

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The devastation wrought by the enemy will be made good in a very short time, unless it to leave cities like Arras and in their wrecked and ruined as object lessons of the brand of culture. For many Northern France and Belgium the Meuse of the tourist, at the early of the British trans-Atlantic cousin. Ever trades people are making a of money by supplying the troops with "extras" not under regulations. It is a good time for the business to be done at the end of the charging "all so to train w the French shopkeeper is

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