

BACK TO LINE OF YEAR AGO? St. Eloi is on the old battle line as it existed before the British began their offensive last year, taking Messines Ridge and later pushing on and gradually absorbing all of the Passchendaele Ridge, the continuation of the spur to the

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Messenger Brings Word That Ex-

This may be an indication that the British retirement is to the line of the spring of 1917, although such a withdrawal would include the abandonment of the entire Passchendaele position as well as the Messines Ridge area, from the greater part of which they have been driven in the present battle. It would leave the town of Ypres, however, still in British hands.

There seems no danger at present of a retirement on any such large scale as this on the northern end of the Franco-Belgian line as the result of the as this on the northern end of the Franco-Beigian line as the result of the recent German successes. The line as a whole appears likely to hold as long as the sallway communications support it. Apparently the security of these com-munications had been provided for by the massing of large forces in the northwesterly sector of the Lys battle front.

The German objective here, as has been frequently pointed out, is Maze-brouch, the important railway junction about four miles beyond the point of the farthest advance westward, near Nieppe Wood, six miles southwest of Bailleul. A British counter-attack last night indicated the strength of the British line in this vital sector. It resulted in the driving of the Germans from the town of Meteren, a mile and a half west of Bailleul, which they had entered. The Germans are still hammering the British line north of Bailleul, while o the northeast they are reported to be close to Mount Kemmel, the towering height which dominates the situation in this sector. The British now seem able to deal with them along the Bailleul-Wytschaete line, however, and the repulse of repeated attacks with terrific losses to the enemy in the Bailleul sector is re-

ported. The present attack in Flanders does not seem to have diverted material British reserves from the Somme battle field as the Germans apparently expected, and such operations as are occurring to the southward from Arras reveal the British in strength on this battle front where the main German effort must inevitably be exerted. The British last night counter-attacked opposite Boyelles and drove parties of Germans who had entered the British trenches yesterday completely restoring the line.

MORE SERIOUS.

London, April 17-According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Paris, the Germans have advanced from Wytschaete as far as St. Eloi, and also have a grip on the southern slopes of Mount Kemmel,

RETIRE FROM YPRES POSITIONS.

Holders

London, April 17-The British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line.

The British have recaptured Meteren, on the northern battle front, by

counter-attack South of Arras the Germans were driven out of British trenches into which they had forced their way. Early this morning the German artillery became more active south of the Somme.

The British made a successful counter-attack in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. Repeated German attacks north of Bailleul were repulsed, the Germans suffering heavy losses. Phelix and

French Report. IHE MATTER OF TITLES Paris, April 17-Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the principal

battle fronts, between the Somme and Bonar Law Says it is Not Intended the Oise. The war office statement follows: to Limit to Three Successive

"On the front between the Somme and the Oise there was great activity of the artillery on both sides, and patrol en-

London, April 16-(Via Reuter's Ot- counters occurred. tawa Agency)—In the House of Com-mons, King, Liberal, member for Som-erset north, affirmed that there was a "The French carried out several raids, especially southwest of Butte Du Mesnil, erset north, affirmed that there was a following in the British colonies in France and the United States and all democratic countries against hereditary privileges and titles. He said this had recently been strongly expressed, espec-ially in Canada and the United States. Mr. King asked whether legislation

Mr. King asked whether legislation FIGHTING GRIM ON would be introduced providing for the BLOODY CREST limitation of peerages and baronets to

e successive holders. Bonar Law replied in the negative. With the British Army in France, April 16—(Associated Press)—The town A. Bonar Law replied in the negative. April 16—(Associated Press)—The town Mr. King—"Is it not a new policy to make a hereditary title in a family ex-clusively domiciled in the colonies?" Bonar Law—"It is not a new policy. No title has been conferred except with the knowledge and approval of the prime minister concerned." April 16—(Associated Press)—The town of Wytschaete lying on the crest of a blood stained ridge at the northern end of the new battle field, and Spanbroeck-molen, which nestles on the top of an elevation just southwest, were today forces. Meanwhile fresh enemy troops

DEATH OF THOS. McMULLEN. west of Bailleul in an attempt to con-DEATH OF THOS. McMULLEN. The death of Thomas McMullen oc-purred early this morning after a brief mness. He was the only son of Patrick and Mary McMullin of 68 St. Patrick morning, and well into the afternoon street. He leaves four sisters, Mrs. J. G. Burke of this city, Misses Annie, Alice and Edith at home. The funeral will be on Friday afternoon. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family. Method and Quarters today says: "There

Burke of this city, Misses Annie, Alice and Edith at home. The funeral will be on Friday afternoon. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family. GRASS FIRE The North End fire apparatus was called out this afternoon to extinguish a grass fire just beyond the bridge on the Adelaide road. The fire was soon put out

"These unpleasant reverses must be faced steadily," says the Times. "Their significance must neither be minimized nor exaggerated. Far more serious than the loss of ground is the revelation of the growing weight of the German

IN PORTUGESE PEOPLE LONDON CANNOT The Times says the enemy will con-tinue drawing 0: their reserves in Russia." The Times says the enemy will con-tinue drawing 0: their reserves in Rus-sia until "Allied statesmen stop dream-ing vain dreams about Russia and do something practical to compel the enemy to cease depleting the Russian front."

DEATH OF MRS. A. MILNE.

EVERIEN

St. George, April 15-Mrs. A. Milne died on Sunday after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wetmore, and widow of Alex-ander Milne, of Milne Couts & Co. Mrs. Wine died at the here of the late Mr. Milne died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Mersereau. A son, Gideon, resides in Hartford ,Conn.), Gideon Wet-Washington, April 16-The economic situation of Austria is more critical than

struction of Austria is more of the interior department, Ottawa, s a brother. The funeral will be held cording to an official despatch today on Wednesday, services in St. Mark's church; interment in the Rural cemetery. Presse announced that lamentable scenes

alternate each day with tumultaneous ones in the markets of Vienna, where WEATHER neat is unprocurable.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Private McLeod Mc-Farlane, who died in the Military Hos-pital in Pitt street yesterday afternoon,

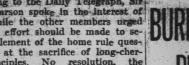
REPORT took place this afternoon from the Car-marthen street Methodist church. Serv-ives were conducted by Rev. H. Penna. Issued by Author Interment was made in the soldiers' plot ty of the Depart- in Fernhill, Private McFarlane was

from the depot battalion accompanied part, director of neterological service rthwest low area has synopsis—The northwest low area has

Synopsis—The northwest low area has moved but little since yesterday and is now centred in Dakota, while another from the southwest states is in Illinois and is approaching the Great Lakes. The weather is showery in western Ontario and in Manitoba and Saskatche-wan; elsewhere it is fair. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southeast-

wan; elsewhere it is fair. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southeast-erly winds, unsettled with showers and local thunder storms today and on

Thursday. Thursday. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and cool; Thursday, showery. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair and cool to-day and on Thursday. Mass., was brought here for burial and the funeral took place this afternoon from the Fair-ville station on the arrival of the Boston train. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in



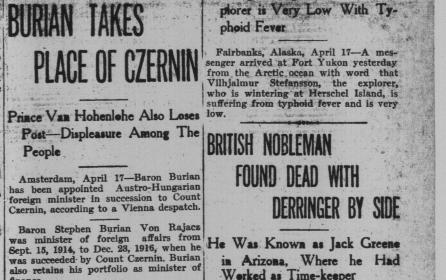
ished principles. No resolution, the paper says, was adopted, but the bal-ance of feeling was that the government must proceed cautiously with the home rule bill.

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The battle in the next few days will probably develop northward against Mounts Kemmel, Noir and Rouge, of which the average height is 500 feet. Some satisfaction is deduced from the reflection that this is not the original German plan. Their objective last week was Bethune. Held there, they tried Harebrouck, a more important centre

also, and they are now exerting their strength northward, but the previous

strength northward, but the previous two failures, also Amiens, justify the hope that they may be stopped again. The disquieting feature is that there is evidence that the enemy is still bring-ing in fresh divisions, enabling them to increase weight and pressure. Correspondents testify to the magnifi-cent spirit of the English and Scottish reedments, who are fighting so sturdily. GFRMANS LAN 40,000



FOR STANDARD RAILWAY GUAGE

at the price of his exhaustion. It is pointed out, however, that the Allied tactics of delay cannot be pressed much longer, as the German success now threatens not Ypres alone, but the con-trol of the coast. The battle in the next few days will be battle in the next few days will The batt

Christiania, April 17-M. Tranmel.



critics agreed, in a ten round no-decision bout which went the limit. Boston, April 17—"Kid" Norfolk of

Panama decisively defeated Dan "Porky" Flynn of this city in a twelve round box-

German plan. Their objective last week was Bethune. Held there, they tried Hazebrouck, a more important centre than Bailleul. They were stopped there has each they exercise their the section of the the section cision was awarded to Joe Lynch, who

outpointed Jack Wolfe. The men are bantamweights, and boxed ten rounds

> Government Quits. Lima, Peru, April 17-The Peruvian

GERMANS LAN) 40,000 MEN AT HELSINGFORS

London, April 17-The Germans have landed 40,000 troops at Helsingfors, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. A German squadron anchored in the harbor of Helsingfors consists of twelve ships, includ-ing the battleships Posen and Westfalen' each of 18,600 tons.

