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CANADIANS SAVED SITUATION

OTTAWA, Ont., April 24---Major-General Sam Hughes, this afternoon received the following cable from Lord Brooke, Staff Officer to Sir John French---"Hearty congratulations on magnificent behavior of Canadian troops."

GERMAN FLEET FORMS UP FOR BATTLE

CHRISTIANIA, April 24.—Steamer Salvin on arrival here today reported that she passed a large fleet of German warships in the North Sea, west of Heligoland, steaming in battle formation. The Salvin was stopped by a submarine and boarded by an officer, who, after inspecting the papers and cargo, allowed her to proceed.

BRILLIANT WORK BY CANADIANS SAVED DAY NEAR LANGEMARK

Compelled at First to Fall Back Before Violent Assault, They Re-formed, Advanced, Recaptured Lost Guns, and Saved the Situation.

LONDON, April 24.—The war office today gave out the following official note: "The fight for the ground into which the Germans penetrated between Steenstraete and Langemarck still continues. The loss of this part of the line laid bare the left of the Canadian division, which was forced to fall back in order to keep in touch with the right of the neighboring troops. "In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 4.7-inch guns, which thus passed into the hands of the enemy. But some hours later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance, recapturing these guns and taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel. "The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct has been magnificent throughout. "The 4.7 guns with the Canadian division are part of the heavy artillery brigade. They are 45-pounders from Montreal. Officers of the Heavy Artillery Battery of Montreal are: Major F. C. Magee, Portland, N.B.; Captain G. E. Hall, Montreal; Lieut. W. A. Irving, Quebec; Lieut. J. A. Ryan, Montreal, and Lieut. W. H. Robb, Montreal.

THE FRENCH REPORT. The French war department today gave out the following official statement: "Supplementary reports furnish full particulars of the way the Germans succeeded in forcing our lines back during Thursday evening to the north of Ypres, between the Yser Canal and the Boeschepe road. "Thick yellow smoke emitted from the German trenches and driven by northerly winds, produced an effect of complete asphyxiation among our troops, which was felt even in our second line positions. "Counter-attacks made yesterday already have enabled us to regain part of the ground lost. Our situation has been completely consolidated and our action is being carried out under good conditions with the support of the British and Belgian troops. "The enemy made an attack at Les Eparges and another at Lohesheid, in the forest of Apremont, both of which were repulsed. "A German attack to the south of the forest of Parroy, and further attacks on Reich Ackerkopf, were stopped by our fire. The enemy suffered heavy losses."

CREW OF GERMAN WARSHIP ESCAPED

Meeting With Many Adventures and Casualties—Attacked by Arabs

GERMAN REPORTS. The German general headquarters gave out the following official statement: "Attempts made by the enemy to reconquer lost terrain to the north and northeast of Ypres (Belgium) failed. The French and British attacks broke down under the German fire. The number of prisoners—French, English and Belgian—rose to 2,470. The pieces of cannon captured up to the present total 35. In addition a large number of machine guns and rifles and much ammunition and other war material were taken by the Germans, west of the Ypres Canal. The Germans stormed the town of Lizerne. "In the Champagne region the Germans blasted an enemy trench. Near Beausjour the French shelled their own trenches with artillery. "Between the Meuse and the Moselle French attacks failed. The enemy who had entered the German trenches was ejected. "In the forest of Le Pretre the Germans made progress. "In the Vosges there were no war operations on account of the fog and snow. "In the eastern war arena there is no change in the situation."

ALLIED AIRMEN BUSY AT SMYRNA

Several Soldiers Killed and German Ship Sunk by French Aviator

CANADIANS IN COUNTERATTACK WON BACK GUNS

Four Pieces of Artillery Recaptured, But With Heavy Loss

LONDON, April 24.—The new battle in Belgium, which has developed suddenly into one of the most important encounters in the west since the present battle line was formed, is being carried on by a relentless German attack and a determined resistance on the part of the British. It is now apparent that the Germans have brought up heavy reinforcements for this attack and it is suggested in London that their immediate objective is the capture of Ypres, preliminary to another attempt to break thru to the English Channel. An official statement from the British war office today says that the British troops are still fighting for the ground which they were compelled to yield. The loss of these positions exposed the Canadian division, which was compelled to fall back. The Canadians lost four pieces of artillery, but later recaptured them in a counterattack which, although occasioning heavy losses, is described as most brilliant and successful. The Canadians also took a considerable number of prisoners, including a colonel. The statement concludes: "Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

FLIGHT DISCLOSED A HEAVY SHORTAGE

W. T. Ott Missing and Phonograph Concern is Shy Twenty Thousand

W. T. Ott, a German-American book-keeper in the employ of the Columbia Phonograph Company, is missing from the city, and there is a reported shortage in his accounts of \$20,000. A warrant for his arrest has been sworn out. He is supposed to have gone to Cuba. Ott came to Toronto from New York a year ago, and in addition to his work with the phonograph concern, he conducted a manufacturers' agency in the Foy Building, 32 West Front street, under the name of W. T. Ott & Company. His sudden departure followed an investigation of his affairs by his employers a few days ago. It is understood that he assigned his stock and book debts to Zimmerman Bros. of Tavistock, before leaving the city, and that other creditors have considerable claims against him.

RAN AGENCY BUSINESS

Bookkeeper's Side Line Suddenly Closed Out Before He Went Away

GREECE IS READY TO FIGHT

Will Unite With the Allies in the Operations at the Dardanelles If Asked to Do So.

PARIS, April 24, (Bulletin)—Christakis Zographos, foreign minister of Greece, is quoted today, by the information, as declaring that Greece was ready to unite with the allies in the operations at the Dardanelles, if invited to do so. Up to the present time, he said, Greece had not been asked to co-operate with the allies.

FINNISH STEAMER SUNK IN BALTIC

German Submarine Torpedoed Steamer Frack—Crew Believed to Be Safe

LONDON, April 24.—The Finnish steamer Frack has been sunk in the Baltic Sea by a German submarine. The crew is believed to have been saved. Aviators of the allies operating over Smyrna report that the Turks are defending the city with 35,000 troops, established in trenches. A German steamer was sunk and two men in a Turkish fort were killed by bombs dropped from the aeroplanes. The sailing vessel Aysah, manned by Germans, who escaped when the famous cruiser Emden was sunk in the Indian Ocean last November, is said to have reached the Arabian harbor of Lidd from Hodela. The Germans made their way inland and succeeded in reaching the railroad, also attacked by Arabs and suffering severe losses in the three days of fighting.

OFFICERS WILL BE MADE RESIGN

T. V. O'Connor Will Investigate Fatal Erie Dynamite Explosion

GERMAN RUSH WAS ATTEMPT UPON CALAIS

Sudden Advance Launched by the Enemy Soon Was Repulsed

LONDON, April 24.—Over an arc-like front in Belgian Flanders, which is roughly ten miles long, from the region of Dixschote in the north to St. Eloi in the south, French, British and Belgian troops are locked with the Germans today in a series of engagements which recall the fighting of last October. Driven from Hill 60 to the south of Ypres, and falling to retake it by a counter-attack, the Germans launched a sudden advance northeast of the town, and after stupefying and killing men in the first trenches with deadly gases, according to British official reports, they drove a wedge of infantry forward, forcing the French and Belgians back toward, and at some points apparently across, the Yser (Ypres) Canal, a manoeuvre which at the same time compelled the British line north of Ypres to fall back to conform with the French. Some Ground Retaken. Altho the advance of the Germans was considerable, extending, according to Berlin despatches, over a front of five miles, French, Belgian and British forces—the French occupying the centre, the Belgians the left and the British the right of the line—immediately initiated a counter attack, the result of which was to compel the Germans to give up some of the ground they had taken and force them in a northeasterly direction toward Langemarck, from which place the attack started. Some of the London newspapers today characterize this German rush as another attempt to break thru to Calais, and some estimates say they have 500,000 men available for this effort. By this time the British are presumably well strengthened and have consolidated their position on Hill No. 60. The hardest fighting consequently is expected north of Ypres. Just as the Germans have been battering the Ypres salient held by the allies, so the French continue their pressure at St. Mihiel with some success.

FAMOUS SINGER ALMOST STARVING

Edouard De Reszke, Polish Basso, Suffers Terrible Destitution Owing to War

NEW YORK, April 24.—That Edouard De Reszke, Polish basso, who was for many years a member of the Metropolitan Opera Co., is almost starving in a cellar in Poland was learned today in a letter given out by the American Polish Relief Committee, 14 East Forty-seventh street. Mrs. Marcella Sembrich is president of the organization. The letter, which was written by the basso to his brother, Jean De Reszke, the tenor, stated that Edouard was suffering frightful destitution as a result of the war raging in Poland. "My dear brother," wrote Edouard, "whether this will ever get thru the lines and reach you, I do not know; I am sure no man could get thru alive, with all this fighting and the continual bombardment on every hand. "The war broke out with such suddenness that it was impossible to escape. I was forced to remain here on my estate in Garnesk. This part of Poland has been reduced to worse than a desert. All is desolate and everyone is suffering. My beautiful estate has met the common fate and been reduced to ashes. I am now living in a cellar with a scanty covering. If a shell should drop in it would afford no protection. "So fierce has been the fighting here that there were days when I could not venture forth. We have been between two fires. All Poland needs relief. "I have no coal, oil, coffee and only a handful of grain left. Thru the cold and rain I have had but poor shelter, but my lot is the same as that of my fellow-countrymen here. Everyone is in want; everyone suffering. Many are dead, and many more will die unless aid reaches them soon. Prince Lukowski and his wife recently reached here and are sharing my cellar with me. Their own beautiful estate has been destroyed and even the cellar blown to atoms by the shells."

INFANT CRUSHED BY HEAVY WAGON

Stepped Backward Off Pape Avenue Curb and Was Killed

THE CRITICAL MOMENT HAS ARRIVED

Discussing the latest German effort to break thru the British line at Ypres, the military correspondent of The Daily Mail says:

"The critical moment has arrived. The immediate object of the Germans is the capture of Ypres, which they regard as the key to Calais. For this movement picked troops have been transported to the Flanders front, as evidenced by repeated reports from Holland and the elaborate troop movements in Belgium. The British blow at Hill No. 60 was an effort to strike first. "If the German report of the capture of four heavy guns is true the enemy must have made an advance of at least two or three miles as heavy guns are never placed near the front, and often are four or five miles behind the advanced trenches. "The Germans still are bringing up large reinforcements, throwing every available man into the gap. They have probably half a million men available, without depleting the eastern front, and many men might be spared from Poland, where the roads render military operations impossible for the present."

BEAUTIFUL ESTATE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ASHES—PRINCE SHARES HIS SHELTER

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STEPS BACKWARD OFF PAPE AVENUE CURB AND WAS KILLED

The wheel of a wagon heavily loaded with gravel passed over the body of Cornelius Nash, 3 years, 305 1-2 Pape avenue, killing the child instantly at 2 p.m. yesterday. With others, the little boy was playing ball on the sidewalk near his home. As the wagon, driven by Elyse Couling, 165 Pape avenue, came along, he stepped or fell backward directly between front and hind wheels. The rear wheel had crushed the little chap before Couling noticed him. Couling was detained for a time by the police but was not held. He is employed by W. L. Shaugnessy, 10 Brighton avenue. The child's remains were taken to the home of his parents.

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