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FRENCH REPULSE ATTACKS ON MORT HOMME-CUMIERES POSITION Government Desires To Prorogue Parliament on April 21 BRITISH TROOPS RETAKE CRATER AND CAPTURE TRENCHES AT ST. ELOI

FRENCH RETAIN LINES IN HEAVY VERDUN FIGHTS

Germans Failed in Attacks on
Le Mort Homme and
Cumieres.

FOE LOSSES HEAVY

Attack on Caillette Wood
Also Failed to Make
Headway.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, April 10.—Fighting almost
as furiously as in the first days of the
assault, seven weeks ago, the Germans
today made determined attempts to oust
the French from the position Le Mort
Homme-Cumieres ridge, and they signifi-
cantly failed, the French general staff re-
porting that they were unable to move
the French line anywhere.
The intensity of the bombardment in-
creased west of the Meuse in the morn-
ing. About noon the Germans launched
a heavy attack on the French positions
on the southern bank of the Forges
Brook, and were repulsed. They de-
bouched from the region of Hautcourt-
Bastincourt for this offensive. Their as-
saults were very violent and cost them
a great number of men, without enabling
them to make any headway.
Checked by Fire Curtain.
On the north of the Mort Homme-
Cumieres line the Germans, after artil-
lery preparation, made many attempts to
attack, but they were checked by the
French curtain of fire. East of the
Meuse, the corresponding positions, the
Cote du Poivre was heavily bombarded,
but the enemy made no attack here. But
at the end of the day he came out of his
trenches and made several furious at-
tacks against the French positions north
of the Caillette wood, north of Douaumont,
but these attacks were all repulsed.
Artillery activity was quite pronounced
in the West, while in the Argonne,
French batteries caused serious damage
to the German positions north of La Ha-
nauze, and they bombarded the portion
of the Avocourt wood occupied by the
enemy.
Three Fokker aeroplanes have been
brought down by the French.
Foe Took Small Section.
The Germans captured 500 yards of
(Continued on Page 2, Column 5).



THE 12th YORK RANGERS BATTALION.
Some of the men are marching from northern York County towns to go into
barracks in Toronto. This shows a company yesterday at Aurora, with Lt-
Col. Clarke, C. O.

Why is Mr. Rowell? And Why Not Take the Side of Toronto's Public?

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends," and the breach of interest at
the present moment is the gap on Yonge street where there is no street car line,
and to the still more glaring gap, that notwithstanding all the public men on the
job, none of them appear to be able to solve the intolerable street car situation in
Toronto. Let us recapitulate.
We have twelve members representing the city in the legislature of On-
tario, apparently unable to do anything. Some of the members told The World
yesterday morning that they knew nothing about the question. Two of them
members are ministers of the crown, and the crown, by the exercise of the
sovereign power of the legislature could remove the evil in a few days.
Next, we have a Hydro Radial Commission headed by Sir Adam Beck and
Sir Adam Beck undertook some months ago to find a way to get the Hydro Radial
Commission on Yonge street, but so far as we can gather he has still nothing to
report; perhaps he has other worries on his hands.
And then there is the railway and municipal board created with wide
powers to help over railway difficulties.
And we have a city council, and mayor, and board of control, and eminent
council in their service; and all these worthy gentlemen can do is to go to
law and then have even get their cases up in court.
Apparently there is no cohesion or co-operation among these various
bodies. They are all at sixes and sevens, all wait for someone to do something
and nothing is done. In the meantime the citizens of Toronto are paying two
fares and walking the gap on Yonge street, and the citizens of the suburbs are
milling of civic territory is now under two fares whereas cities like Detroit and
Cleveland have single fares at much greater distances than we have in Toronto.
As The World has pointed out there is no cure for our street railway grie-
vances except by purchase of the rights of the railway company and the radicals
occupying the streets of Toronto; and our suggestion is that the mayor and
his colleagues, and Sir Adam Beck, and the twelve members of the legislature
should go to Hon. Mr. Hearst and ask him to intervene and by means of the sov-
ereign power vested in him and the legislature, buy out these private owned
companies and turn the lines over to the municipalities and the Hydro Radial
Commission. But he should only buy them out at a fair price, and to ascer-
tain what is a fair price he should proceed to negotiate with the owners rather
than by arbitration—which the owners would like, but which in all likelihood
would be against the city and take a long time to settle.
But Hon. Mr. Hearst and Sir Adam Beck could negotiate with the owners and
obtain a fair price and take over the lines at that price as they took over
the power lines in eastern Ontario, and they could get their money back plus
expenses by turning the lines over to the city and to the Hydro Radial Com-
mission.
But to work it out this way requires, as we said, co-operation and some
clear thinking and some recognition of what public duty is. Our suggestion is
that the mayor call the city members together and interview Mr. Hearst and
Sir Adam Beck and see what can be done. But nothing will be done un-
less the issue is put up to the right parties.
A number of the members of the board of control, as will be seen by the
interviews in another column, have the clearest views in the matter; and they
see that the only way to get relief will be to buy out the owners of the fran-
chises; but they do not see that it is their duty to go to the city members and
the government for relief; and the only relief in sight must come from the gov-
ernment and the legislature. The city is not tied up that way if an arrange-
ment for the purchase, subject to a vote of the property owners, were made,
the vote could not be taken until the first of next year; and in the meantime
two fares are to be paid and the gap is to be walked, and all other attendant
inconveniences borne by a suffering community.
Sir William Meredith, were he available, could soon tell these various
bodies how the thing could be worked out. We imagine he could draft a little
set of three clauses that would do the trick. So could Hon. Mr. Hearst, if he
wanted to show how big a man he was in settling public grievances, and if he
appreciated, as we think he will eventually appreciate, that for every legal
wrong of this kind there is a legislative remedy; but that it must come from the
sovereign power who created the wrong and that happens to be the legisla-
ture of past years. But the existing legislature can, as we have said, in a little
act of three clauses make provision for taking over these franchises and put-
ting the cost of the purchase on the public, and the proposition taken over. But these merry
aldermen, controllers and members are slow to do anything but look wise or
to hold up suppliant hands to some kind of providence that is supposed to take
care of cities and the public.
We again implore Mayor Church to really try and grasp this subject and
to get the members of the legislature together and get his eminent council to
advise him and then go to the Hon. Mr. Hearst and Sir Adam Beck and see
what can be done. Least of all should they trust to law; they have had a
bellyful of law for some years and only got law costs in return.
In the meantime we ask why is Sir Adam Beck?
Why is Hon. Mr. Hearst?
Why are the twelve Toronto members of the legislature?
Why are Mayor Church, the controllers and the city council?
Why the Hydro Commission?
Why the Railway and Municipal Board?
Why all the lawyers and those who are canping on the job and why are
they all doing nothing?
If the legislature of Ontario showed half the diligence in curing the wrongs
inflicted on Toronto by a former legislature that they have in the foolish-the-
bar proposal they might gain equal reputation. But apparently it is much
easier to deal with moral reforms instead of handling every-day, substantial
grievances in the lives of the citizens.
And that makes us ask another question: Why is Newton Wesley Rowell
leader of the opposition? He has had a splendid opportunity now for some
years to put the government on the bunk—if he took up the question now be-
fore us with a perseverance equal to that shown by him in regard to the drink
evil.
And the city newspapers are all silent on the job; they are busy chasing
will-o-the-wisp and other false leads. If Mr. Rowell wants to make a hero of
himself and really serve the public, let him read The World articles over and
read them in the legislature and call on Mr. Hearst to explain why he is and
why his commissions are; and why Sir Adam Beck; and why are the twelve
members of the legislature.
At a special meeting of a platform to get on if he wants to put the Hearst
Government out of business in short order. Take up the rights of the people
of the City of Toronto in regard to their transportation and let him tell the
government and legislature how he would give them relief if he was in power;
but perhaps they would get in power. But if he does not want to get in power
let him put it up to the government to do their duty in the circumstances.
And in the meantime we ask why is Mr. N. Wesley Rowell in the leadership
of the opposition if it is not to fight the people's battles.

PLAN TO PROROGUE SPEEDILY WAS SURPRISE TO COMMONS

FINE VALOR OF FRENCH PRAISED BY KING GEORGE

His Majesty Paid Eloquent Tribute in Addressing
French Senators and Deputies at
Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, April 10.—The party of French senators and deputies, mem-
bers of the Franco-British Parliamentary Committee, who are
visiting England, were received at Buckingham Palace today. King
George, in a speech of welcome, said:
"When you meet the inhabitants of our cities, you will learn how
deep is the sympathy they feel for the sufferings inflicted by the fer-
ocious invader upon the innocent population of your northern districts;
how warm is our admiration for the splendid valor and constancy of
the whole French people. Never has that undaunted spirit of unquench-
able heroism which French history furnishes so many glorious
examples, shone with more brilliant lustre."

Rogers Said Railway Legislation Could Be Given Proper Con- sideration in Time Allowed—Opposi- tion Shows Disposi- tion to Play for De- lay.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, April 10.—This house of
commons surprised tonight
when, just before adjournment, Hon.
Robert Rogers, who was leading the
house, announced that the government
desired to prorogue parliament next
week.
Hon. George F. Gurnea said in reply
it was generally understood that the
government intended at this session to
deal with the railway situation. Finan-
cially, he understood, was to be con-
sidered to the Quebec and Saguenay,
the Canadian Northern and the Grand
Trunk Pacific.
Measures of such importance, he ar-
gued, should not be "jammed thru the
house without discussion." Moreover,
he took it for granted that the minis-
ter of militia desired to be heard in his
own defence before the end of the ses-
sion.
Hughes Back on Friday.
Mr. Rogers said that unless the boat
was into General Hughes would be in
his seat on Friday. The railway leg-
islation to be brought down was not
so important a character that it
could not be adequately considered and
disposed of in time to permit the house
to prorogue on the 21st inst.
Little progress was made
today toward winding up the business
of the session. The afternoon was
devoted to a general discussion of
the Doherty Bill, which still remains
in committee. The entire evening was
taken up with the estimates of the
postoffice department and opposition
members were evidently playing for
delay, both this afternoon and even-
ing.
Judge Doherty, minister of justice,
introduced a bill amending the Prisons
and Reformatory Act. It extends the
power of the courts to transfer pris-
oners from jails to industrial farms
(Continued on Page 5, Column 5).

ALLIES' DESIGNS ARE UNCHANGED AS WITH STATES

Purpose is to Free Europe,
Not to Wipe Germany
Off Map.

REPLIES TO HUN LIES Hypocrisy of German Chan- cellor's Allusions to Bel- gium is Denounced.

LONDON, April 10.—On the occasion
of a government reception to the visit-
ing French senators and deputies at Lan-
caster House tonight, Premier Asquith
took the opportunity to reply to the
speech recently delivered in the Reich-
stag 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 Wal-
ter Runciman, Lewis Harcourt, Vis-
count Bryce, A. J. Balfour and Lord
Robert Cecil.
The premier, in proposing the toast,
"Our guests," referred to Von Beth-
mann-Hollweg's claim to readiness on
the part of Germany to negotiate peace,
and said:
"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 de-
feated.
Not War of Extermination.
Reiterating that the allies were only
prepared for peace on the terms of his
declaration of November, 1914, Mr.
Asquith proceeded:
"The chancellor first misquotes my
language, then proceeds to distort its
obvious meaning and intention. Great
Britain and France entered the war,
not to strangle Germany or wipe her
off the map of Europe; not to destroy
or mutilate her national life; certainly
not to interfere with, to use the chan-
cellor's language, the free exercise of
her peaceful endeavors.
"As a result of the war we intend
to establish the principle that inter-
national problems must be handled by
free negotiation on equal terms be-
tween free peoples, and that this
settlement shall no longer be hamper-
ed or swayed by the overmastering
dictation of a government controlled
by a military caste. That is what I
(Continued on Page 7, Column 1).

CONDITIONS IN ALBERTA ARE IDEAL FOR SEEDING

Crop Acreage Will Be Nearly as
Large as That Last
Year.

CALGARY, April 10.—Spring opera-
tions are general in all the southern
Alberta country. There is approxi-
mately 15 per cent. of last year's acre-
age already seeded. Conditions are
ideal. There will be nearly as large an
acreage in Alberta this year as last.
There may be five or ten per cent. of
a decrease.
This is the expression of ex-Mayor
H. A. Bisset of Calgary, who returned
from an extensive tour of the southern
part of the province this morning.

BRITISH TROOPS CARRY CRATER AND TRENCHES

Position Gained by Germans Not
Allowed to Remain in
Their Hands.

New Lines Established Southwest
of Old Ones—Guns and
Mines Active.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, April 10.—The mine cra-
ter which the Germans got into at St.
Eloi in the attack the other day did
not remain long in their possession, for
the British troops attacked the enemy
in this position last night and carried
it, besides sweeping beyond it, and
seizing German trenches running
southwest from the crater, as reported
by the British war office tonight.
Artillery activity is reported about
Labeiselle, Angres, Vierstraat, St. Eloi
and Ypres today and mining activity
is reported about Labeiselle, Roclin-
court and Givencyh.

SIX NEW BRIGADIERS ARE CREATED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Tuesday, April 11.—(2 a.m.)
Six new brigadier-generals were cre-
ated yesterday—W. T. Glasgow, Gen-
eral F. Trotter, John L. J. Clarke, C. S.
Wilson, Reginald A. Bright and William
S. Evans.

SPANISH STEAMER FELL PREY TO A SUBMARINE

Santanderino, Bound From Liver-
pool to Galveston—British
Ship Also Sunk.

LONDON, April 10.—The Spanish
steamer Santanderino is reported to
have been sunk by a torpedo, accord-
ing to an announcement made by
Lloyd's tonight.
The same agency says that the
British steamer Margam Abbey, had
been sunk and that her crew is aboard
a steam trawler, which passed the
Lizard bound for Falmouth. No re-
port has been received concerning the
crew of the Santanderino.
The Santanderino, a vessel of 2544
tons, was last reported to have sailed
from Penascola Jan. 20 for Liverpool,
where she arrived March 4 and was
due to return from that port to Gal-
veston.
The Margam Abbey was a steamer
of 4471 tons and was last reported as
having sailed from Tacoma and
Seattle for Bordeaux, where she ar-
rived March 27.

LARGE FOE SUBMARINES CRUISE IN BLACK SEA

Bigger Boats Than Any Previous-
ly Seen in Those Quarters
Afloat.

COPENHAGEN (via London, April 10.
—(11.40 p.m.)—German submarines,
larger and speedier than any previously
seen have appeared in the Black Sea
according to the Constantinople corre-
spondent of The Voessische Zeitung (Ber-
lin), who asserts that it was one of those
that torpedoed the Russian hospital ship
Fortugal.

DERBY AND MONTAGU LEAVE AERIAL BOARD

Premier Asquith Was Accepted
Resignations of Dissatisfied
Members.

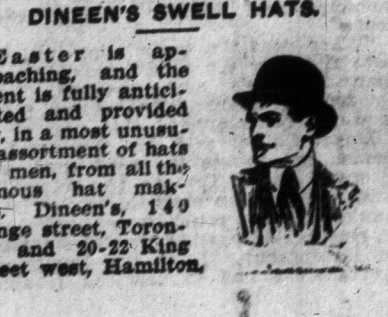
They Desired Co-ordination of
Air Services in Single De-
partment.

CLASH OVER POLICY

LONDON, April 11, 1.45 a.m.—Prem-
ier Asquith has accepted the resig-
nation of the Earl of Derby as chair-
man and Lord Montagu as vice-chair-
man of the joint naval and military
board in control of the aerial service.
When the resignations of the Earl
of Derby and Lord Montagu were ten-
dered last week it was said that they
were dissatisfied with the limited
powers of the aerial service board,
both in training the organization and
co-ordination of the air services in a
single department. The Earl of Derby
accepted the chairmanship of the board
in February after the conclusion
of his campaign to secure enlist-
ments for the army. Recently the earl
has been severely criticized because of
the decision for the early calling of
married men to the colors, the married
men having contended that they were
promised when they attested that all
available single men would be called
up first.

DINEEN'S SWELL HATS

Easter is ap-
proaching, and the
trend is fully anti-
cipated and provided
for, in a most unusu-
al assortment of hats
for men, from all the
famous hat mak-
ers. Dineen's 149
Yonge street, Toron-
to, and 20-22 King
street west, Hamilton.



WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BRITISH troops at St. Eloi recaptured the lone crater which the
Germans carried in their offensive the other day and pushing
on they took German trenches behind it and running south-
west from it. Thus the Germans held this ground with too feeble
a grip to stay there long. Artillery was active on the British front
yesterday about Labeiselle, Angres, Vierstraat, St. Eloi and Ypres
and miners were active about Labeiselle, Roclincourt and Givencyh.

Furious was the battle in the Verdun region yesterday, the Ger-
mans being on the offensive and being determined to advance at all
costs, but their ferocious attacks could not move the French lines
anywhere on the whole of the front, Le Mort Homme-Cumieres, nor
in the Caillette wood. Attacks were launched, or attempted in three
sections of the front; firstly, the French positions on the southern
bank of Forges brook, near the southern slopes of Le Mort Homme-
Cumieres; secondly, the northern front of Le Mort Homme-Cumieres,
and, thirdly, the French salient in the Caillette wood, east of the
Meuse and in front of the Douaumont position. All these attempts
of the Germans to get on failed. About 18 or 20 miles of the French
front was violently bombarded, with Cote du Poivre being made a
special target by the German gunners.

The German plan for the forcing of the French out of the Ver-
dun positions has nothing new in it. Firstly, in their brutal, direct
way, they attempted to hammer in the Verdun salient and take the
French defences by assault in an advance down the eastern bank of
the Meuse. The assault shot its bolt on the lines Cote du Poivre-
Douaumont Ridge-Vaux Ridge. The French batteries on the west-
ern bank of the Meuse swept the slopes at Bras and the approaches
to Cote du Poivre so that the Germans were unable to turn the
French right by the river road. They also failed to pierce the
French centre at Douaumont. Secondly, they began an advance from
the north on the French positions on the western bank of the Meuse,
but they were held up by Le Mort Homme and Cumieres. Thirdly, they
attacked the left flank of the French and have driven a wedge into
the French lines so that the Mort Homme-Cumieres position also
extends into the German lines as a large salient.

The military problem that the Germans now have to solve is the reduc-
ing of this Le Mort Homme-Cumieres salient. This is the way they have set
about it. They directed their main attacks yesterday against the neck of
it, in order to reduce its breadth and to cut off the French forces who are
defending the hill and ridge, or, failing in this, to compel the French com-
mander to evacuate the hill and ridge to save the men from being cut off.
But the French generals, who have cool heads and iron nerves, refuse to be
flustered or to betray their designs. Whether they will launch a counter-
offensive against the German wedge that has been thrust into their lines
or withdraw to their main position on the Charay Ridge, the future alone
will tell.
French aeroplanes have been active against the Fokker machines, two
(Continued on Page 2, Columns 5 and 6).

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