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British Line Is Advanced a Bit

Gains On Principle Battle Fronts Last Night—Haig Taking Advantage of Lull Before Next Attack to Strengthen His Line

While awaiting the next German blow, now momentarily expected, Field Marshal Haig is taking advantage of the comparative lull to strengthen his lines in various spots.

Both north and south of the Somme and on the Lys battle front the British defensive positions were improved in local operations last night. Similarly, the Germans made an attempt to push forward their lines in the Mesnil region, north of Albert, in which sector they apparently are preparing for some more important movement. The British offered a sharp defence, however, and foiled the enemy effort.

Heavy artillery fire is in progress on so many parts of the front that little indication is afforded by this as to the point selected for the Germans for their renewed thrust. Naturally they may be expected to make further efforts to extricate themselves from the pocket into which they have forced themselves along the Lys, southwest of Ypres.

Thus, last night, the enemy was reported shelling the British positions in Dieppe Wood, whence lies the route to Hazebrouck, about the railway centre from which it is well nigh vital for the British to hold him.

There have been no developments in the region north of Ypres, where the Belgians stopped a turning movement last week, preventing the British from being flanked out of the Ypres positions. The nature of the ground and the disposition of the opposing forces, however, make it seem probable that a repetition of the attempt is to be looked for.

The situation in the Somme region is being for the moment even more closely watched than that along the Franco-Belgian border to the north. Field Marshal Haig reports heavy shelling of the British lines on both sides of the Somme and the Ancre, and the correspondents are sending word of German preparations for a movement of some nature between Arras and Amiens, within which the region under bombardment is located.

The enemy is known to have brought up some of their heaviest guns to the Somme battlefield, where Amiens is his objective, but the Entente artillery is matching these and hampering the Germans severely in their preparations for attack. Last night the French repulsed a German raid along the Avre, in this region.

A BRITISH GAIN. London, April 22—The British advanced their lines slightly last night in local operations on both of the principal battlefronts.

Gains were made near Villers-Bretonneux and Albert, on the Somme front, and Robecq, at the tip of the Flanders salient.

A strong local attack by the Germans on the front north of Albert was repulsed after the enemy had captured one of the British advanced posts.

Paris, April 22—German raids east of the Avre river and near Rheims were repulsed last night.

Belgians Reported in Desperate Straits; Rush Food to Them

Washington, April 22—Food shipments to the civilian populations of the Allied countries will be suspended for ten days to move three million bushels of grain to the Belgians, who are declared to be in desperate straits.

Former Exile Named Russian Ambassador to Court at Berlin

Moscow, Tuesday, April 16—(By the Associated Press)—Odolph Joffe has been named Russian ambassador to Germany, and is to leave Moscow tonight with his staff. On his way to Berlin he will meet Count von Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia.

M. Joffe was chairman of the first Russian peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk. He is only thirty-four years old, and is a Bolshevik Socialist. He spent a long time in exile in Siberia, and one time lived in Germany.

Fear Hun Vengeance on 11,000 Czech Troops

Washington, April 22—There is much concern here over the fate of 11,000 Czech troops who deserted from the Austrian army to join the Russians at the beginning of the war and who, according to Vienna newspapers, have been captured by the Germans advancing into the Ukraine. Members of the Czech-Slovak national council here said it was feared that most of the prisoners or at least the officers might be summarily executed.

German Effort to Make Dutch Fight

London, April 22—According to the Daily Telegraph's Rotterdam correspondent a plot is being hatched in Berlin deliberately designed to compel Holland to participate in the war. The facts have not yet been made public, but the correspondent believes to be true that the German government has already made, or is about to make, demands which, if pressed, would force the Netherlands to enter the war on one side or the other.

The writer intimates that the Germans' first move has been made, that as a result of mediation by the Pope, Emperor William has ordered that no more Belgian church bells shall be seized.

Objection to the Stalls in Chinese Restaurants Here

Matter Comes up at Meeting of Commissioners

A SHELF FOR DRINKERS? Commissioner McLellan Refers to Them on Request for Permission for Electric Signs—The Belyea Claim—Mr. Fisher's Protest

A meeting of the common council was held in city hall at noon today. Commissioner Russell submitted a report with reference to a claim for \$7,000 presented by J. Fred Belyea because of the law to prohibit sign fishing. Commissioner Fisher had two applications for electric signs, permission to erect signs being granted under certain conditions. Commissioner Fisher also made a protest to the mayor against Commissioner McLellan, who he said, refused to support him when he asked the legislature to have one of the street car tracks in Union street removed.

The following reports were passed: The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported having further inquired into the matter of Leo D. McKiel, constable, who was referred back to him on April 2, and again recommends that Theodore H. Banks, one of his surties, be allowed to withdraw from the bond that Mr. McKiel is required to file a new bond before taking up any further duties as constable.

Four commissioners also recommended that the appeal of the C. P. R. from their assessment for patriotic purposes for 1917 be allowed by substituting a valuation of \$420,000 for that made by the (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

WAR NOTES

British aviators on Saturday dropped twelve tons of bombs on enemy targets on the west front. Nine enemy machines have been downed in the last few days and three Britishers are missing.

Sermons exhorting conscription were preached in many Newfoundland churches yesterday and several communities throughout the country have adopted resolutions to the same effect.

American machine guns on Saturday brought down two low-flying German airplanes.

A Cologne paper says the Germans in Belgium have decreed that the finances of the Flemish and Walloon districts be administered separately. This, it asserts, brings the independence of Flanders back nearer.

PRESIDENT WILSON OBJECTS TO MEASURE

Washington, April 22—President Wilson came out today in opposition to the Chamberlain bill which would try violations of the section laws by court martial. In a letter to Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson, he declared his belief that the measure is unconstitutional.

If enacted, the president declared, the bill would place the United States on a level with its enemies. The measure, he said, was opposed to the spirit and purpose of the espionage laws.

THE STREETS

The rain storm last night caused several wash-outs along Sandy Point road and in city streets. This morning the men of the public works department were engaged making repairs.

Repairs to Marsh road, Millidgeville road and Britain street will be started immediately so as to have this work near completion as possible before the large contracts to Main and Union streets are undertaken.

How Old is the World?

Toronto, April 22—The age of the world, not from the very beginning, but from the time it had been fit for habitation, was about one hundred million years, or so, said Dr. W. Harvey McMillan, speaking to the Royal Canadian Institute here.

THE ROTARY CLUB

Frank Yeigh, secretary of the War Lectures Bureau, explained its work to the Rotary Club today. He pointed out to New Brunswick is about the only province where the bureau is not organized. At the close of his address, R. E. Armstrong, F. A. Dykeman and A. M. Belding were appointed a delegation to attend a meeting in the mayor's office this afternoon for organization purposes.

JOINS THE ENGINEERS

Alfred O. Reid, son of William Reid of 27 Celebration street, has enlisted with the Canadian Engineers and will leave tonight to join his unit at St. John's, Quebec. Mr. Reid is well known in local circles and before enlisting held a position as commercial traveller for the Beveridge Paper Company, Montreal.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.



THE GENERALISSIMO. —J. I. Wood.

Canadians Beat Back Raiding Enemy

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 21—(By W. A. Willison, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Two attempted enemy raids have been beaten off with numerous casualties. One party of thirty which attempted to approach our lines under cover of a heavy trench mortar barrage was completely broken up by our rifle and artillery fire. The second raid, which was against one of our posts, developed into a miniature battle. The initial attack of ten of the enemy against our post was beaten off, but the raiders, reinforced by double their strength, returned to the attack. As soon as this, under the circumstances formidable, force came within bombing distance, the garrison of our post retired to positions in shell holes.

With such protection they maintained such a steady and accurate rifle fire against their opponents that the enemy were driven back without having gained the slightest foothold on our line. After the failure of the raid a heavy artillery fire was opened up against the post and vicinity, but we suffered only one severe casualty, whereas the enemy was seen taking six of his men back on stretchers.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

London, April 21—A telegram to Reuters from Petrograd, dated Tuesday, says that railway conscription has ceased in Voronezh. Finland has ceased being a belligerent, according to all accounts. Viborg is the only town of importance still in the hands of the Red Guards.

The Germans are reported 100 versts from Briansk, southwest of Moscow. The city is being evacuated.

The German legation has called on the Russian government to take measures to end propaganda in war prisoners' camps and preventing them from fomenting a revolution in Austria-Hungary.

Two days' fighting occurred between the anarchists and the Soviet troops at Voronezh. There was also an outbreak at Simbirsk. The Bolshevik news agency announces that an active counter-revolutionary movement has been organized by German agents in the Saratov-Sumara government.

Petrograd, Tuesday, April 16—Hostilities have been renewed between the troops of General Korniloff and those of the Soviets. Rostov-on-Don is in the hands of the anarchists. At Kherson after the Germans left, massacres of Jews and Bulgarians by soldiers occurred. The Germans have since re-occupied the town.

Criminals at Novo Teherask, who began to indulge in excesses, were dispersed by machine guns.

The Turkish cruiser Hamledes and two torpedo boats are reported to have arrived at Odessa.

BOMB FOUND IN "LIFE" DOORWAY

New York, April 22—A bomb containing five pounds of dynamite and declared by Inspector Eagan of the Bureau of Combustibles to be one of the most dangerous he has ever examined, was found today in the doorway of a four-story building owned and occupied in part by the Life Publishing Company, publishers of Life, in West 51st street.

GERMANS LOSE ONE OF BEST AIRMEN

London, April 22—Captain Baron Von Richthofen, a famous German aviator, has been killed. Reuters' correspondent at Berlin headquarters reports.

The captain was brought down in the Somme Valley. His body was recovered and will be buried today with military honours.

Since Captain Boelle was shot down in October, 1916, Captain Von Richthofen had been the most prominent and successful German aviator. On April 8, the German war office announced that he had achieved his seventy-eighth aerial victory, although in this, as in previous citations, he was not credited explicitly with having brought down an Allied aeroplane.

FATHER O'DONOVAN BETTER. Word was received in the city this morning that the condition of Rev. J. J. O'Donovan has taken a change for the better and that hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Father O'Donovan has been seriously ill in Boston.

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CONWAY-HOLMAN. A pretty wedding was solemnized on April 14 in the Church of the Epiphany in Brooklyn, N. Y., when Miss Irene Holman, of that city, was united in marriage to Thomas J. Conway, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Conway of Fairville, N. B. Following a short honeymoon through the New England states, the bride and groom will make their home in Hartford, Conn., where many friends wish them all happiness.

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POLICE COURT

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