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TROUBLE BREWING IN SOMME SECTOR

Enemy Maintains Bombardment for Several Days Over Wide Area.

With the British Army in France, April 24.—Trouble has been brewing in the Somme sector for days, the enemy maintaining a bombardment of more or less intensity over a large area. Throughout yesterday the Bretonnet and surrounding places were heavily shelled, and this bombardment was greatly increased this morning.

On the northern battlefield the German artillery pounded the entente allied position yesterday, especially in the Merville and Robecq sectors, and this morning an intense bombardment was put down in the British positions on both sides of the River Luce. Thus a large section of the northern battlefield was seething today.

An attack above Albert came after a half-hour's bombardment by the enemy. As the German infantry left their trenches the British deluged them with rifle and machine gun fire and forced a hasty retirement. A British operation yesterday over a 2,000-yard front in the Riez du Vinage sector was a complete success, and greatly improved the defending lines. A nasty salient about 1,500 yards wide and of the same depth bulged into the British territory just north of Riez du Vinage. By their attack the British drove the enemy from this salient and straightened their line.

BASIS OF TREATY IN FISHERY QUESTION

Seattle, Wash., April 24.—While no international policy to be adopted toward fishermen of either country was determined at the first day's session of the American-Canadian fisheries conference here today, ground work for the drawing up of a treaty governing the industry was laid. It was stated.

The keynote to the discussion was sounded by Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, who asserted that as United States and Canada are fighting side by side in the common cause, the moment is opportune for removing the sources of vexation that had existed between the two countries over the fisheries ever since the declaration of independence was signed. The secretary likewise asserted that the conservation of sockeye salmon, one of the subjects under discussion, is a matter of national importance, and should be regarded in more than a local light.

The Seattle conference probably will end tomorrow. Sessions will be held at Vancouver, B.C., and Ketchikan, Alaska.

SUFFRAGE STRIKES. Socialists Incite Labor Demonstration at Budapest for Wider Franchise.

Amsterdam, April 24.—According to the Cologne Gazette great demonstrations have been held in Budapest and other industrial centers today in support of the Social-Democratic party in behalf of extension of the franchise. In the capital 100,000 workers struck, trains ceased running for three hours, and the city's normal life was suspended. There were no disturbances.

The British in the Balkans penetrate the Bulgarian defences west of Doiran on a wide front, destroyed shelters and inflicted serious losses.

HAMILTON NEWS

HYDRO SERVICE ANNOYS HOSPITAL

Patients Have to Be Carried Up Four Flights of Stairs.

PRIVATE POWER PLANT Dr. Langrill Suggests the Installation of Their Own Power.

Hamilton, April 24.—That the service supplied by the Hydro-Electric department was of a most dangerous nature was pointed out at a meeting of the board of directors of the City Hospital at a meeting of the board of directors this afternoon. "I would recommend to this board that serious consideration be given the installation of a private power plant," said Dr. Langrill.

The Hydro power went off again this morning and that work in the X-ray department had to stop, food was blocked in the hospital, the laundry had to shut down and it was necessary to carry patients four flights of stairs to the operating room. "Members of the board agreed with Dr. Langrill that the Hydro service was dangerous and that there had been completed an arrangement between the United States Department of Labor and the department of immigration and colonization of Canada for use of the Hydro power in the United States. Hon. Mr. Robertson, speaking for the government, said that there had been completed an arrangement between the United States Department of Labor and the department of immigration and colonization of Canada for use of the Hydro power in the United States. He said that he had participated in the negotiations, and as a result of meetings in Washington there had been an agreement somewhat in the form of a treaty between the two countries whereby Canada was to receive agricultural labor and several thousand farm laborers had already gone to the Canadian west under this arrangement.

Exchange of Skilled Workers. The agreement covered exchange of skilled workers, with the restriction that skilled laborers can be exchanged only when each government has an agreement with the other country where the laborer has the qualifications of the other country, and then the authorities of the country decide whether or not the plan should leave one country and enter another. Senator Robertson said that it was impossible to say at this date how far the man power registration would be used to govern the exchange of labor, but undoubtedly what class and amount of labor shall be allowed to leave Canada and what one to the import.

Senator Danaham asked as to the plan of the government for the employment of those people who are not in the laboring class, such as clerks, but who will be required to register. Hon. Mr. Robertson said that the government had proposed a law in January, promised to endeavor to obtain the voluntary offer of workers through the registration of requirements as far as possible. For instance, if a hundred men were required in the shipbuilding industry, the labor organization concerned would endeavor to obtain that labor.

Senator Milne of Hamilton said his impression was that there was a labor shortage and that the demand was greater than the supply. He knew of factories that were unable to get any men at all, particularly in the automobile industry. He said Canadian boys were enlisting and being conscripted for the front and foreigners were reaping the benefit.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The enemy in a new phase of the offensive, made strong attacks from the Somme and towards the end of the day forced the British out of the villages of Villers-Bretonneux. The enemy organized two heavy attacks against the whole front engaged. His first assault was completely repulsed, his second assault of him only after heavy fighting the single objective of Villers-Bretonneux. The British last night in the trenches and near Robecq they defeated a local German operation.

The German attempt on the French section of the battlefield was a virtual failure. The enemy attacked the French at 5 o'clock in the morning, and continued the struggle until long after daylight. He attempted to capture Hangard-en-Santerre, the heights east of Hallies, and Hill 82. He went forward in strength force, and time after time, against these positions. He only gained a footing in the eastern end, where he held a small village and wood, where he is encountering desperate resistance. At all other points the French met the onslaughts of the enemy with their counter-attacks, stopping them in their tracks.

Thus the whole front under attack runs for a distance of fifteen or sixteen miles northward from Castel to the Somme, and the fighting represents a considerable enemy endeavor. The only one village and a precarious footing in another village and a wood to show for the expenditure of so many men. The British are reeling and stubbornly, and appear to have the local situation well under control. At any point where the line recedes under pressure they have time to take measures for a restoration of their positions. Anywhere the enemy drives a small salient the allies, by holding the flank firm, can eventually make it untenable.

The allies in the Balkans have fought two rather important actions with the Bulgarians and have achieved considerable success. The first was an extended operation near Vukovar, where British detachments broke into the Bulgarian defences on a wide front, destroyed shelters and inflicted serious losses. The second was the capture of the heights dominating the right bank of the Vrbna River and the occupation of Sals and Strica Villages by a mobile allied reconnoitering column. Other raids and counter-raids also proceeded and the splendid dash and initiative of the allied troops easily outlasted the slower-moving and war-fatigued Bulgarians.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR TO BE INVESTIGATED

Senator Robertson Details Agreement Between United States and Canada.

UNIONS AGREE TO HELP Will Assist as Far as Possible in Procuring the Men Required.

Ottawa, April 24.—The mobilization of labor for Canada was the subject of an interesting discussion in the senate today. Valuable information was given by Hon. Mr. Robertson, who participated in the negotiations with the United States for the use on Canadian farms of surplus American labor. There was also information given respecting the registration of Canadians for production, which the government is about to undertake.

Senator Nicholas precipitated the discussion by calling attention to the questions of the interchange of agricultural workers, of mechanics, ship carpenters and other skilled workers. He asked if man power registration had been tried for this purpose and if there had been an agreement between Canada and the United States.

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BRITISH WIN COMBAT IN BASIN OF ASIAGO

Rome, April 24.—Quite severe fighting in the Asiago Basin, west of the Brenta River, is reported in the latest daily statement issued by the war office. The statement reads: "In the Asiago Basin British reconnoitring patrols attacked enemy detachments which attempted to oppose them. Before lines at Canove, the enemy was forced to retire, leaving behind a number of dead. Later on the morning of the 23rd the British forces repulsed Lt. Gen. Korniloff's detachments about eight miles from Feltre, and by a successful manoeuvre routed the enemy. Korniloff's troops, the dispatch adds, sustained heavy losses and were dispersed or captured.

According to prisoners, Gen. Korniloff was wounded seriously and succumbed later. Lt. Gen. Korniloff, who was formerly commander-in-chief of the Russian army, has several times before been reported wounded or killed.

ONLY TWO ITALIAN STEAMERS WERE SUNK DURING WEEK

Rome, April 24.—One steamer of more than 500 tons and one steamer of less tonnage were sunk during the week ending April 20, according to the official statement on losses by mine or submarine issued tonight.

TO ORGANIZE ULSTER. Carson Advises Restoration of Machinery to Oppose Home Rule.

London, April 24.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, has written to the secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council advising the reorganization of the machinery to oppose home rule. He says that it will be necessary to summon the council's committee at the earliest moment after the publication of the bill by the government.

CHARGE OF FRAUD. Charged with fraud to the extent of \$25 from the Walker House, Victor Nelson of the Royal Flying Corps was arrested by Acting Detective Walter McConnell of Court Street Station last night. A second charge will be laid against him in the police court this morning.

IRISH HIERARCHY IS DEFYING THE LAW

Times Says They Have Virtually Thrown Down Challenge to Parliament.

London, April 24.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—The Times, in its leading article on the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Ireland placing themselves at the head of the anti-conscript movement, says: "It is so much for the forbearance of the British people that so little protest has been made in public against this action, which raises an issue of tremendous gravity. It goes far deeper than the more question of expediency of enforcing military service on Irishmen. It is nothing less at the bottom than the old claim to a powerful religious organization to defy the law of the land in a matter which is not even remotely religious."

The Times proceeds to say that the responsibility of the Irish Roman Catholic bishops in incalculably serious and must not be forgotten. "It is throwing down a challenge to the imperial parliament," the Times continues. "The Roman Catholic hierarchy has done far more than to repeat their old obscure intervention as individuals in the home rule controversy. They have openly assumed the right to interfere as a church in politics, and by so doing they have shaken to its foundations the work by which a religious toleration in these islands."

STATE CONSTABULARY MAY MAN DETROIT CARS

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Direct cars remained in the barns tonight, in spite of the efforts of officials of the United States State Constabulary, and the Detroit United Railway Co. to end the strike of 300 motorbus conductors which refused to make regular runs today pending a decision of the wage dispute between them and the company. The men demand a wage increase of 13c, 14c and 15c an hour, depending upon length of service, and improved working conditions.

SCOTLAND WELCOMES U. S. WAR DELEGATES

New York, April 24.—Enthusiasm marked the reception to the American war-torn delegates to Edinburgh, Scotland, according to a cablegram received here today by the British pictorial service. Speeches made by the visitors to a vast audience in Usher Hall were repeatedly cheered, and mention of President Wilson's name brought the crowd to its feet.

Prof. Arthur Lovejoy of Johns Hopkins University gave the spirit of sacrifice manifested by the Scottish people. "I understand Scotland, with a population of 5,000,000 has sent about 100,000 men to the front, and, in the United States were to send men to the front in the same proportion it would mean an army of some 19,000,000, and if the necessary arms those 19,000,000 are ready to go into the fight."

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SOVIETS CLAIM DEFEAT OF KORNILOFF FORCES

London, April 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Moscow dated April 24 says that on April 17 the soviet forces repulsed Lt. Gen. Korniloff's detachments about eight miles from Feltre, and by a successful manoeuvre routed the enemy. Korniloff's troops, the dispatch adds, sustained heavy losses and were dispersed or captured.

PORT HUON POLICE CAPTURE ESCAPED MAN

Windsor, April 24.—Port Huron police today arrested Fred Armitage, a military service evader, who escaped from the Windsor armories yesterday by forcing apart two iron bars of his cell. Armitage will be taken to London, where he will face charges of making seditious utterances, as well as evading military service.

COSTLY FIRE AT LIMA. Seven Million Dollar Locomotive Works in Imminent Danger.

Lima, O., April 24.—Lake Erie and Western shops are on fire here and their complete destruction seems probable. A large section of South Lima is threatened by the flames. Oil tanks, a grain elevator and the \$7,885,000 Lima locomotive works are said to be in imminent danger. The Pontius, claiming Cicero, Ind., as his home, has been arrested. He is an employe of the shops. Officials decline to say why he was held.

TAKING OF AMIENS WILL BE USELESS

Allies Now Block Path of German Advance Westward With Strong Forces.

GUNS BADLY HAMMERED Anglo-French Batteries Catch New Enemy Pieces Under Powerful Fire.

With the French Army in France, April 24.—The Germans opened an attack in force early this morning in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux, and Hangard-en-Santerre, sending forward forces which they had been concentrating for some days. Whether they intend to make another desperate effort to capture Amiens cannot be foretold, but even if they succeed, the effort would be useless from a military standpoint. Their previous attempt was frustrated by the determined and heroic resistance of rapidly improved troops and reinforcements of German aviators. Since then both sides have had an opportunity to strengthen their positions while awaiting developments.

Despite the atmospheric difficulties during the last few days, the allied aviators have been able, thru daring tactics, to observe movements by the enemy. They reported the arrival of large reinforcements of German tanks, guns, which were located by the allied gunners and badly hammered. The country is well adapted for military movements. It is undulating ground with many small patches of wood and with scarcely anything in the nature of a hill to shut off observation. The highest ground is only about three hundred feet above the level.

ARREST BARTENDER ON BETTING CHARGE

Two Other Men Taken by Police Are Blamed for Sinihar Offence.

John Brennan, 32 Harcourt avenue, was arrested by the G. P. O. on the night of the 22nd for betting in the hotel by Morality Officer. Brennan was charged with the offence of keeping a common betting house. When the officer paid a visit to the hotel he found a number of betting slips in his pocket. Brennan denied that the slips were his, but his name was later found on one of them.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN SUNDAY PARADE

Upwards of five thousand troops will probably take part in the military review of intercession for the allied armistice to be held in Queen's Park on Monday. The units to be present will include the troops from Exhibition Camp, about 2,500 strong, the Government Forces, the 1st and 2nd Infantry Divisions, the Royal Air Force Overseas Command, C.O.F.C., the C.O.F.C., the 6th Infantry Queen's Own, 190th Regiment and a representative from the 4th Infantry Regiment, 12th York Bussers and 12th Hussars and the Great War Veterans' Association.

HIGHLANDERS' REUNION.

A reunion of all the men who have been associated with the 48th Highlanders Regiment has for some time been contemplated. The steps are now being taken by the officers of the regiment. The plan, as formulated, is to embrace all the battalions and companies who have been connected with the 48th Highlanders Regiment—men in the 48th and 55th regiments and other units. It is to be a reunion of all the men who have been associated with the 48th Highlanders and the establishment of a definite link of association will be welcomed.

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The great war veterans will assemble in the Allan Gardens and march to Queen's Park to join the 48th Highlanders at St. Joseph's street. An impressive feature of the service will be music by masses having comrades who served in the war and several bands of the overseas and militia units. Representatives of all the church denominations will take part in the service.

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