

Canadians Held the Craters Despite enemy's Terrific Bombardment.

Toronto, April 11—The Toronto Evening Telegram has the following tonight from its London correspondent, Douglas S. Robertson:

A number of wounded soldiers have just arrived in England from the Canadian front, where at St. Eloi, they had sharp fighting.

After a terrific concentrated bombardment, the enemy attacked and managed to dislodge the troops from some four Canadian battalions which had been holding the craters where mines had been exploded by engineers about two weeks ago against the German position, and which were taken by British troops.

The position was a most difficult one to hold, and of no vital importance. After standing shell fire for some time the Canadians were ordered to retire a short distance.

Notwithstanding that the enemy attack was the fiercest in many months, the Canadians stood their ground splendidly and soon were firmly entrenched close by.

Our artillery sustained its reputation and ably supported the infantry. The Germans suffered severely from our shelling.

There was no more difficult position on the line to hold than that which was held by the Canadians in the vicinity of the Ypres salient.

Decimation of the German Battalions.

Paris, April 7—The German losses before Verdun, up to the present time, have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here today from a semi-official source—the result of careful inquiry made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified.

"Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permit the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given to the Associated Press. "During the period from Feb. 21, when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely, the Third and the Eighteenth, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in the first attacks at least one third of their force. They have reappeared since, and have again suffered like losses.

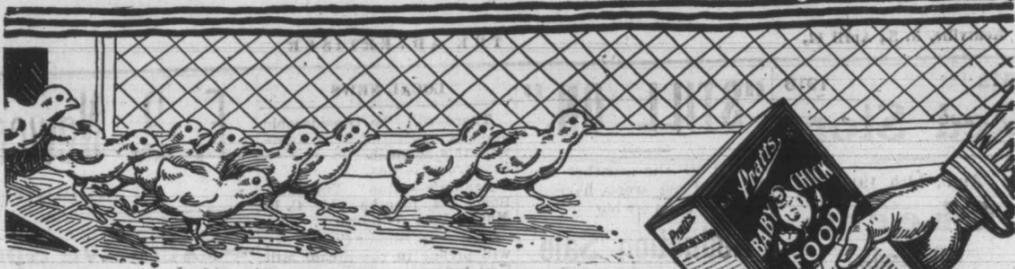
"The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effectives of the Eighteenth corps have in this way lost 17,000, and the Third corps have lost 22,000 men.

In British Internment Camps

London, April 6—Sir Herbert Samuel, the home secretary in reply to a question in the house of commons today, said that the number of civilians in British internment camps at present was 32,149. The number released from these camps between October and April, he said, was 834.

Charlottetown, April 3—Privates John White, of the Princess Patricias, and W. C. Crosby, of the 12th Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade, returned wounded Island soldiers, were tendered a big reception on their arrival here today. Thousands of people were out to welcome them, the mayor and others delivering addresses.

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