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Germans Press Ahead A Little East of Amiens

Artillery Shot Pours Into Enemy Concentrated Near Albert; Large Bodies of Hun Troops Hurlled Against our Positions Between Luce and the Somme; French Make Gains

London, April 5.—The British have been pressed back a short distance on the front east of Amiens to positions east of Villers-Bretonneux. The war office announces. Germans concentrated troops early this morning near Albert. British artillery took them under its fire. In the neighborhood of Bucoy and in the Scarpe Valley there was active artillery fighting during the night.

The Germans hurled large bodies of troops against the British between the Luce and Somme rivers, making repeated assaults. For the most part the enemy was thrown back with losses.

ATTACK THIS MORNING

London, April 5.—The Germans this morning attacked the British forces on a wide front from Dernancourt, a few miles south of Albert, to Moyenneville, north of the Somme, according to a statement published by the Evening Standard. The chief points of attack, the newspaper says, were Dernancourt, Menin, Beaumont-Hamel, Brieguy and Molenville.

The Germans were repulsed with heavy losses except at Dernancourt, where they made a slight gain. There has been no attack south of the Somme so far today.

FRENCH HOLD FIRMLY

Paris, April 5.—German forces continued their attacks during the night, says the official statement issued today by the war office. Despite the superiority of the German effectives, which, the statement says, were spent recklessly, the Germans were unable to reach their objective, which was the railway from Amiens to Clermont.

The French regiments by their resistance and counter-attacks, maintained the line in its entirety.

The French troops conquered the greater part of Epinette Wood, north of the town of Orville-Sorel. All German efforts to dislodge the French were in vain.

The French also captured St. Aignan Farm, southeast of Grivesnes, and held it against all assaults. In the north the French withdrew their positions to the west of Castel. They threw back the Germans from Arriere-Cour Wood, west of Mailly-Rameval.

WITH THE CANADIANS

Shells Again Poured Into Enemy Positions—German Fire Directed Against Vimy

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 4.—(W. A. Willison, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—For forty minutes last night our light and heavy guns poured shells into the enemy front communication lines.

The enemy front communication lines have been cut out by our patrols, with repeated clashes with hostile parties. The hostile artillery activity has been slightly above normal, with their fire directed particularly against our positions on the ridge and before Lievin, where the enemy carried out a ten minute concentrated gas shell bombardment yesterday afternoon. The deadly effects of our own gas projector bombardments of last week and a fortnight ago are confirmed by captured prisoners.

Throughout the force there is enthusiastic appreciation of the splendid work of the Canadian motor machine gunners, cavalry and other detachments who have done so gallantly in the great battles to the south.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Property transfers in St. John for the last week are as follows:—A. H. Clark, et al. to the City and County of St. John, property in Lancaster, \$150; Jolla and C. G. Kawright to Mrs. Hildred Bartell, property in Simonds; Mrs. M. L. Moran, et al. to G. H. Thorne, property in Simonds at \$250; Mrs. Fanny Simonds, et al. to W. Z. Earle, property in Strait Shore.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The low which was near the middle Atlantic coast yesterday has moved northward and caused a snow fall in Nova Scotia. The high pressure which was approaching from the west now covers the Great Lakes and the weather is fine from Quebec westward to the Pacific coast.

Forecast.—Lakes and Georgian Bay—Light winds, fine and a little milder; Saturday, easterly winds, fine and mild. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Light winds, fine and a little milder today and on Saturday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh north and west winds, fine today and on Saturday. Fair and cool.

Maritime—Fresh north and northwest winds, mostly fair and cold; Saturday, fresh westerly winds, fair and cool. Lake Superior—Moderate winds, fine today and on Saturday, becoming milder. Western Provinces—Fine and mild; Saturday, becoming unsettled and showery.

New England—Fair and continued cool tonight; Saturday, fair, slowly rising temperature, diminishing north winds.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN DUAL MONARCHY

Food Situation Has Reached Unbearable Point

Can Austria Hold Out For New Harvest—Belief That Negotiations Have Been Opened Between President Wilson and Czernin

Geneva, April 5.—Reports which find wide credence here indicate that Austria-Hungary is on the eve of another of those grave internal crises which in recent months have successively weakened the Dual Monarchy. The food situation as depicted by the Arbeiter Zeitung and as represented by neutral witnesses, has now reached an unbearable point. In spite of commencing foodstuffs from odd corners of occupied territories, no real relief is possible until the next harvest. Well informed circles are asking "Can Austria survive the four months?"

Zurich, April 5.—Austrian parliamentary circles believe that negotiations have been opened between President Wilson and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and already have reached further than Count Czernin's statement shows.

Turns the Story Round

London, April 5.—The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna reverses the Clemenceau story told by Count Czernin. It says that before the offensive on the western front Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson favored discussing peace terms, but Premier Clemenceau vetoed the suggestion. The paper adds: "It is impossible to confirm this report absolutely, but there is considerable truth in it."

GERMAN SHELL KILLED SWISS COUNSELLOR IN CHURCH IN PARIS

Amsterdam, April 4.—A Berlin official statement today says that the bombardment of Paris was suspended on Wednesday because of the funeral of the Swiss councillor of the Swiss legation in Paris.

M. Strobelin was one of the worshippers killed in a Paris church struck by a shell from the German long range gun on Good Friday. Germany has already expressed regret for the death of M. Strobelin.

If there was a suspension of the German bombardment because of the councillor's funeral it was not one which included all day Wednesday, as Paris despatches reported the resumption of the bombardment on Wednesday morning.

THE MEN WHO SING AS THEY GO TO FIGHT

London, April 4.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—A corporal in hospital here says: "When the Germans had come out towards our line their first wave was led by an officer on horseback. He was a brave man to expose himself in this way to give confidence to his men. He did not live long. We had splendid targets to shoot at. We got bags of 'em. Couldn't miss 'em, they came on so thick, in droves. They were like a flock of sheep, so thickly massed that every bullet we fired found its mark. We should have heard us singing when we went together on the march. We forgot all our troubles for a spell. It was wonderful. The song was 'Way' was one they liked, but the good old contemptible song was there, that old song 'Tipperary' is one that reminds the Germans, may be, of the men who barred the way to Calais. Our officers sang as well, though we felt down at times for our colonel was killed."

NOW GETTING NO EGGS AT ALL

Montreal Objected to Ancient Ones Hard Boiled in Boarding House

Montreal, April 5.—Because his eggs were boiled too long and were "ancient" as well, Joseph Guivin struck his boarding house keeper, Charles Lepine, over the head with a carving knife and threw him down stairs. He was convicted of assault, and pending sentence is boarding at the city jail, where they do not serve eggs, soft or hard boiled.

GERMAN D.B.T. 30 TIMES GREATER AT END OF WAR

Amsterdam, April 5.—Germany's debt after the war will be thirty times what it was at the beginning, says the German newspaper, the Vossische Zeitung, in a lecture recently in Berlin in the campaign for the eighth German war loan. He said that at the end of the war Germany probably will be faced with a debt of 150,000,000,000 marks.

LOSS OF CUNARDER VALERIA RE-REPORTED

New York, April 5.—The Cunard Line steamship Valeria, 5,865 tons gross, has been sunk in the Irish Sea, according to word received here. She left here on March 4 with cargo for a British port. At the office of the Cunard line it was said instructions had been received recently that reports of the loss of steamers of the line must not be confirmed or denied.

DIPLMACY'S BACK SEAT. HINDENBURG IN THE SADDLE.



Conscience, sayant! Richard's himself again. Hark! The shrill trumpet sounds; to horse, away!

German Fleet To Come Out? London Believes it Likely and Welcomes Opportunity to Fight

London, April 5.—There is a growing feeling among naval men that the German high sea fleet will come out for action should military developments on the western front in the near future turn further in the German's favor.

Nothing could better please the British fleet than this long-awaited opportunity. It is estimated that some of Germany's capital ships were in the fleet which recently was reported crossing off the upper Dutch coast, but the Germans were not then looking for trouble.

HUN HAS GAINED NORWAY GREAT LOSS

So Far 745 Vessels Gone and 53 Others Missing—Lives Far More Than 1,000

London, April 5.—Norway has lost during March through war causes nine hundred vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 84,994. Norwegian sailors to the number of forty-four lost their lives and twenty others are missing. Norway's losses since the beginning of the war amount to 745 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,104,515, valued at \$280,000,000. In addition fifty-three vessels are missing, two-thirds of which were set down as war losses. Norwegian seamen to the number of 986 have lost their lives while on the fifty-three missing vessels there were 700 men.

SAFETY OF RUSSIAN FLEET AT HELSINGFORS THREATENED

A Further Emphasis to Lesson That German Word is Not to Be Trusted

Petrograd, April 4.—(By the Associated Press).—Two German warships and several torpedo boats have landed troops in Finland and occupied the town of Eknes, south of Helsingfors. Several Russian warships, including four submarines, were powerless to prevent the entry of the Germans into the harbor of Hango, and the sailors sank three of the ships in the harbor to prevent their capture.

WONDERFUL RECORD OF BRITISH NAVY

Pittsburg, Pa., April 5.—The place of the British grand fleet in the war plan of the Allies was described by the Right Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of York, in an address here last night. He said that through the watchfulness of the British navy, the Allies have been able to transport 13,000,000 troops with a loss of only 2,700 men through enemy action. The question has been asked: "Where is the British navy?" said the American. "I may answer that in the private way by asking another question: 'Where is the German navy?' It is certainly where no self-respecting navy would wish to be. I will answer it by asking another question: 'Where is the freedom and peace of the world?' It is behind the great silent power of that navy."

NURSE ARRESTED; SHOT MAN IN STREET

Holyoke, Mass., April 5.—George A. Elliott, aged thirty-five, proprietor of the Park Pharmacy here, was shot today in the street and died of wounds. Mine I. Butlerworth of Springfield, aged twenty-nine, a nurse, was arrested. She said: "Everybody knows why I did it. She said she did not mean to kill Elliott."

APPROVES SENDING DRAFTEES OVERSEAS UNTRAINED

Ottawa, April 5.—The militia department today made public the following cable from Sir Edward Kemp: Referring to men enlisted under the Military Service Act, General Turner advises me that the despatching of these men from Canada so soon as they were enlisted, without training, was advantageous; that training staffs in various areas are unanimous in the opinion that this policy has been instrumental in securing excellent results as regards training. The men throughout are an excellent type, easy to handle, have nothing to learn, and are exceptionally keen in their work.

Not Fitted For Service In Army

THE CLASS B MEN 46 Quebec Prisoners Released; Prosecution of Eleven BELIEVE TROUBLE ENDED

It is said that all category "B" men who may be called to the colors during the present month will not find themselves enrolled for overseas service. Category "B" men are commonly referred to as those who are fit for overseas, but not for the fighting units. Some from this category are to be used for home duties, such as the special service company and guard duty. The present intention is to call out all men of this category, who have them pass through the regular channels which weed out the unexamined, and then have all those who are refused exemption placed with the depot battalion. When placed in the depot they will be regarded as a stock upon which to draw men for the various services as required. It is estimated that a small percentage of category "A" men will be found among those now listed in "B" as the regulation is that once a man is attached to any service lower than "A" he must submit to a monthly medical examination, and at any time he is found to have improved sufficiently to be moved up into "A" he must make the transfer.

As recent returns from the militia department show that there are a large number of infantrymen not available for drafts owing to the nature of their employment in Canada, an order has been issued from the militia department that steps be taken at once to have every category "A" man in the country, now in uniform, including non-commissioned officers, released for drafts in order that they may be available for overseas. This to apply regardless of the nature of the man's employment.

Further instructions from Ottawa are that, owing to the urgent call for men overseas, drafts from units which have cases of measles or mumps must not be held in Canada under quarantine, the only men to be left behind being those men who are actually ill.

Quebec, April 5.—Forty-six men held by the military authorities since the rioting here on last Monday were released this morning after they had been examined by M. S. A. doctors and found to be unfit for service. With the release of these men the last possible danger of a renewal of rioting, it is believed, has been removed. At one time it looked as if there would be a clash between civil and military authorities, but this was avoided by the discharge of the men today. Eleven men against whom the military have laid serious charges have been turned over to the attorney general's department for prosecution and will have their preliminary trial this afternoon. The city council will be called upon to discuss the recent troubles here, when Mayor Lavigne will be asked to state reasons that withheld him from reading the riot act when the mob was threatening the registrar's office at the auditorium annex.

The chief of police will also be called upon to explain why he did not call for reserves to keep the crowd from storming the police station where the rioting federal detectives had taken refuge. This was made known today in a conversation with Alderman W. Martin, pro-mayor, who openly criticized the conduct of both the mayor and the police. Today the funerals of two of the citizens killed in Monday night's riots, A. Demerle and A. Bergeron, were held. Only relatives of the deceased attended.

MURDERER HANGED

Romeo Boldue Killed Man Who Was Demonstrating Automobile For Him

Sorel, Que., April 5.—Romeo Boldue, slayer of Antoine Bourdon, an automobile dealer of Longueuil, was hanged in the jail yard here this morning. Boldue ascended the gallows at 5.59 and at 8.15 was pronounced dead. Executioner Ellis was in charge. Sheriff Lariviere and Rev. Father Lafontaine were among the witnesses. Boldue had negotiated with Bourdon for the purchase of a car, and while the latter was demonstrating the automobile on August 29 last, he was set upon by Boldue and murdered, his body being left by the side of the road.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE GENUINED BY JURY

Case of Private Gillies of Toronto Who Died of Pleuro-pneumonia

Toronto, April 5.—A verdict censuring the military authorities for the manner in which they moved Private Robert Clarence Gillies from his home to the hospital at Exhibition Camp was returned by Coroner Bateman's jury last night. In addition to finding that Private Gillies died from pleuro-pneumonia, the jury found that there was neglect of duty in having Gillies removed from his home to Exhibition Camp without first consulting the family physician. Steer also censured the military authorities for the delay in responding to a telephone message requesting that a military doctor attend him, his home before sending the ambulance for his removal.

DULL IN WALL STREET

New York, April 5.—Renewal of the German offensive on the western front created only moderate unsettlement of prices at the opening of today's stock market. Investment rails reacted mainly and other standard industrials, but some of the more speculative shares forfeited a full point. Declines were effected on the very light offerings, the market falling into its recent apathetic state before the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds were irregular.

CONDENSED NEWS

The royal commission on pilotage is to conduct its sessions in Montreal today. Edgar McDougall of Montreal, aged forty-eight, a son of the late John McDougall, founder of the Caledonia Iron Works, died yesterday in Los Angeles, Cal. He was president of the Canadian Iron Foundries, Ltd. A general investigation of railroad freight rates on petroleum and petroleum products was ordered today by the Interstate commerce commission in Washington. Clothes, stockings and thread now are being distributed to the workmen and women Germany by the imperial clothing distributing board. The interstate commission has ordered investigation of the physical valuation of forty-five telegraph and cable companies in the United States, and of their financial condition. The Bolshevik government has voted a yearly grant of 10,000 rubles to Countess Tolstoy, to maintain the family estates. Privates John B. Mann and Walter Matthews (colored) were executed at Camp Logan, Texas, today for the murder of Pte. Ralph A. Foley last February. If an International Baseball League franchise is not granted Newark, N.J., may get it. Eighteen Parisian dealers in diamonds are under prosecution on charges of trading with the enemy. With the arrest of a man whose name is said to be Beland, but whose identification is unavailable, it is thought that one of the Quebec ring leaders is under arrest. Irish Convention Ends. London, April 5.—The Irish convention concluded its deliberations today, says the Central News Agency.