

# Terrific Battle Along Hindenburg Line Germans Struggle Desperately to Hold On

## ST. QUENTIN IN GRAVE PERIL OF CAPTURE BY ALLIED TROOPS

### Important Gains by British and French--Two Railway Lines Leading to St. Quentin Captured by British--French Capture Coucy-le-Chateau--Other Positions Held by Germans Are Taken--Germans Strive Desperately to Regain Lost Ground at Cambrai--4000 German Soldiers Cross Into Holland--General Hughes Recommend U.S. to Make Villa Brigade Commander--Great German Offensive Preparing Against Italy.

#### TO INVESTIGATE ILLEGAL ACTS OF EX-MINISTERS

PETROGRAD, March 27.—A special commission has begun an investigation of illegal acts committed by former ministers and government officials. About six hundred machine guns have been found hidden in different parts of Petrograd.

#### FIFTY MILLION POUNDS IN TREASURY BILLS

LONDON, March 27.—It is announced that tenders for treasury bills to the amount of fifty million pounds will be received by the government.

#### MARINE INSURANCE RATES DROP

NEW YORK, March 27.—Marine insurance rates on transatlantic vessels have declined two points here since the government announced its measures for the protection of U.S. shipping.

#### SIR SAM SUGGESTS VILLA AS GENERAL AGAINST HUNS

ROCHESTER, N.Y., March 27.—General Sir Sam Hughes, speaking at the Chamber of Commerce dinner last night, said the United States should offer Villa command as a Brigadier General of 50,000 Mexicans and send him to Europe to fight with the Allies.

#### ITAL READY FOR FOE OFFENSIVE

ROME, March 27.—Information received here from Switzerland indicate that a great Austrian-German offensive on the Italian front has been planned by the Central powers for this spring. Italy however, is fully prepared.

#### FRENCH GAINS AT VARIOUS POINTS

PARIS, March 27.—The war office reports that south of the Oise the French continue to make progress in the lower forest of Coucy, all the northern part of which now occupied by the French troops. South of the forest the French in a brilliant night attack drove the enemy beyond the Berisis-Servais line and captured Coucy-le-Chateau which was stubbornly defended by the Germans. North of Soissons, a point of support near Margival strongly held by Germans was also taken.

#### FIERCE FIGHTING ALONG HINDENBURG LINE

LONDON, March 27.—British headquarters report both open and massed fighting of most violent character at several points on the Hindenburg line, particularly west of Cambrai, which the Germans are still striving desperately to regain.

Allies are driving forward north and south of St. Quentin and have cut two of the four main railroads which feed the city, while a third is well within reach of the French guns, making the German position in the opinion of the army men as one of grave peril.

#### 4000 GERMAN SOLDIERS FLEE INTO HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, March 27.—Frontier reports received here say that four thousand German soldiers have crossed the line into Holland seeking food and have been interned at Zwolle.

#### FRENCH CAPTURE TWO BIG TOWNS AND BRITISH ONE

PARIS, March 26.—Though strongly opposed by the Germans, the French troops today occupied the towns of Folembray and La Feuillie, south of the Coucy forest, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

Progress has also been made by the French north of Soissons in the neighborhood of Vregny. The text reads: North of the Somme there have been no essential changes.

Between the Somme and the Oise our artillery dispersed enemy assemblies between Benay and Urvillers (St. Quentin sector).

South of the Oise we made important progress in the Bassee Foret de Coucy. Notwithstanding the difficulties in terrain and the spirited resistance of the enemy our troops occupied Folembray and La Feuillie.

North of Soissons we made progress in the region of Vregny Belgian communication: Last night a Belgian detachment entered German trenches near Steenstraete. After inflicting losses on the enemy and destroying his works the detachment returned to the Belgian lines with some prisoners. Spirited artillery actions occurred today in the direction of Dixonne and Steenstraete.

The British this morning attacked and captured the Village of Lagnicourt, according to the official report from British headquarters in France this evening. North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road 30 prisoners and a machine gun were taken. During the afternoon the Germans delivered counter-attacks from the east and northeast. The attacks, the statement says, were repulsed.

#### RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER AT RIGA

LONDON, March 26.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent announces the arrival of Alexander J. Guchkoff, Russian minister of war, at Riga.

#### FRENCH LOAN HEAVILY SUBSCRIBED

PARIS, March 26.—The credit foncier new loan of 600,000,000 francs, 5 1/2 per cents, issued at 280 francs 40 centimes for a 300 francs bond, closed today. The subscriptions exceed 4,000,000,000 francs.

#### PRUSSIAN PRINCE'S INJURIES FATAL

LONDON, March 27.—The Daily Express says it learns that Prince Friedrich Karl of Prussia, who was reported in a Madrid despatch as having been shot down by artillery while flying in an aeroplane over the British lines near Peronne, has died of his injuries.

#### ARGENTINA BARS GRAIN EXPORTS

BUENOS AIRES, March 26.—A presidential decree just issued forbids the exportation from Argentina of grain and flour. The object of the measure is to assure stocks necessary for the country.

#### LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED BY A HUNDRED MILLION

OTTAWA, March 26.—The third Canadian war loan has been a third magnificent success. It has been over-subscribed by one hundred million dollars. The loan was issued on March 12, and in less than a fortnight applications aggregating over \$250,000,000 reached the minister of finance. As a result the banks will not receive any part of their sixty millions of subscriptions. The following statement was issued by the minister of finance:

"While it will be some days before all applications in the mails and now on their way from all parts of Canada will come to hand, we are able to announce officially that the loan has been over-subscribed by one hundred million dollars. This means that the banks will receive no part of their sixty millions of subscriptions, and that the other large subscriptions will be substantially scaled down on allotment. This will make for a very strong financial market situation as Canadian liquid banks funds will be conserved for the general purposes of the community and the unsatisfied demand for the loan should more than maintain the issue price. Applications will aggregate over forty thousand, and it is particularly gratifying to note the increasing number of small subscriptions."

### LT. E. D. WALLACE KILLED FLYING

Belleville Boy in Fatal Accident at Oxford, England This Morning.

Mrs. Robert Wallace, 132 Church St. received a Government cable today announcing that her son Lieut. E. D. Wallace, had been killed in an aeroplane accident this morning. The message came from the School of Aeronautics, Oxford, England.

Lieut. Ernest D. Wallace enlisted with the First Contingent and went to England with the 2nd Battalion. For a time he remained in England and then went overseas with a machine gun battery.

Later he had gone in for aeronautics and attended an aviation school in England.



Lieut. Ernest D. Wallace, Killed in Aeroplane Accident

At one time he was collector for the Bell Telephone Company at Belleville and later became inspector. From Belleville he was removed to Port Hope where he remained for three years. At the time of enlistment he was local manager at Port Perry and a Captain in the 34th regiment.

The news of his death came as a great shock to his relatives. He has a brother Fred in France and another Capt. Harry L. Wallace in the 25th, Lieut. Wm. H. Wallace and Sergt. Claude Wallace now at the front are cousins.

### MR. G. W. ELLIS BOYS' SECRETARY

Gordon W. Ellis Takes Charge of Department—Experiences in Port Arthur and Toronto.

Mr. Gordon W. Ellis, the new Boys' Secretary for the Belleville Y.M.C.A., arrived yesterday from Toronto to take up the position vacated by Mr. Allin, now overseas.

Mr. Ellis was assistant secretary at Port Arthur from 1912 to 1914 and for the next two years attended McMaster University, taking an art course. For two summer vacations and for the past year permanently he has engaged in park recreation work under the direction of the Parks Commission of the Toronto City Council. For the past year he has been in charge of Moes Park recreation centre.

The new boys' secretary comes from Paris, where he started in at Association Work.

The boys' department over which Mr. Ellis presides number about 177 members. Mr. Brockel, the General Secretary, has been handling this work since Mr. Allin's departure. Mr. Ellis will begin organization for the season's work at once.

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