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BRITISH FORCES TO GIVE UP BAILLEUL

CATTEGAT SWEEPED CLEAN OF FLEET SHIPS BY THE BRITISH

TEN GERMAN TRAWLERS SUNK IN CATTEGAT BY BRITISH SHIPS; GRAND FLEE OUT MAY MEAN GREAT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

Report of Action Comes From Vice-Admiral Beatty and Further Operations May Even Now Be Under Way in Same Region.

London, April 16.—Ten German trawlers have been sunk by gunfire in the Cattegat (between Sweden and Denmark), the admiralty announces. Their crews were saved by British ships. There were no British casualties. The operations in the Cattegat, the statement says, were undertaken by the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet.

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MOST SIGNIFICANT

New York, April 16.—In view of the recent rumors of possible naval activities by the Germans to accompany their land offensive, the news from London today, showing that British naval forces have been operating in the Cattegat, the strait between Sweden and Denmark, and have sunk ten German trawlers there, is significant.

Still more significant seems the form of the British announcement, which comes in a report from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the grand fleet. This would appear to indicate that the grand fleet is out, and possibly presages most important naval developments.

The operation was undertaken yesterday for the purpose of sweeping the Cattegat of mines, the report shows, and may still be in progress. What further British effort, if any, the operation implies, cannot well be forecast. It is indicative of intensified British naval activities, at any rate, if not preliminary to far more important operations on the part of the British naval forces.

ITALY EXPECTS BIG OFFENSIVE; SIGNS GIVEN BY AUSTRIAN PRESS

Word Sent to Embassy Officials in Washington Today.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—An Austrian offensive against Italy is expected, according to the opinion of Italian observers, as expressed in official messages today to the Italian embassy here. The recent visit of Emperor Charles to the Austrian front and inspired articles in the Austrian and German newspapers, the usual forerunners of an offensive, are taken as an indication.

Threatens Switzerland. "The enemy press has begun to speak openly of the offensive in France to prepare the Austro-Hungarian public for the inevitable losses resulting from such colossal operations are anticipated by semi-official newspapers," the dispatch says. "The Voelkische Zeitung (Berlin), in an article full of mysterious allusions, says this spring will put Switzerland's neutrality under the severest test, in an article which will probably excite the entire circle, in the course of their operations, the little republic of the Alps."

Urges New Offensive. The Manheimer Anzeiger urges that the German offensive in France be completed with a similarly irresistible drive against the Italians and against the British in Palestine. The newspaper asserts that a simultaneous offensive against the Entente on all fronts will prevent the transferring of the Allied reserves from one front to another, which undoubtedly is part of the general scheme of the Allies' supreme command.

The Budapest Tripart expresses the same opinion and insists that "since General Foch is in supreme command of all our enemies, we must attack Italy immediately and carry the effect of our presence to the back of the French army."

BOAT CREW DROWNED AS JUST ABOUT TO LAND

Halifax, N. S., April 15.—The former Lunenburg schooner Wantauga, purchased in Newfoundland, has been torpedoed. Six members of the crew were lost when a boat which had been drifted from the date of the sinking (March 27), was capsized, just as the crew were about to effect a landing.

BOIS-DE-BOULOGNE IS NOW BASEBALL DIAMOND

Paris, April 16.—The handsome Bois-de-Boulogne is likely to become the principal baseball field around Paris. The city authorities have granted permission for the use of the unimproved space in the great park for their diamond to be used by the American Expeditionary Force League in Paris. Another diamond will be provided by the Racing Club of Colombes.

FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS; GET PRISONERS IN TWO SECTORS

Heavy Artillery Fighting on the Main Battle Front.

MONDIDIER THE CENTRE

No Advance For Enemy, According to Paris Official Statement.

Paris, April 16.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the main battlefront, in the neighborhood of Montdidier, the war office announces. The French captured a machine gun and prisoners near the Oise Canal.

The statement follows: "In the region south of Montdidier there was heavy artillery fighting on the sector of Noyon. The French made some progress in a local operation."

French reconnoitering parties were very active, especially in the region of the Oise Canal. A detachment crossed the canal west of Pierremande and brought back ten prisoners and one machine gun. French patrols also took prisoners in the sector of Corbeny in the Champagne, near Selcheprey and the Vosges. A German raid at Teton was repulsed. "Everywhere else the night was calm."

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN IS HELPING TO DRAFT HOME RULE BILL FOR IRELAND

Unionist Members Urge Generous Measure in Harmony With Events.

London, April 16.—The committee which in charge of the drafting of an Irish home rule bill, says the Times, includes J. Austen Chamberlain, former secretary for India. This, it adds, is a "fact which suggests that he already is or is about to become a member of the war cabinet."

The same paper prints an appeal from Unionist members of parliament urging the immediate introduction of a measure of home rule "as generous as can be secured by the light of the recent discussions of the Irish convention and harmony with the ultimate goal of federal devolution is being achieved."

VLADIVOSTOK CALM AND JAPS IGNORING SHOTS OF SNIPERS

No Confirmation of Rumor That Bolsheviks Have Plundered War.

Tokyo, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official dispatches from Vladivostok say the city is calm. Japanese bluejackets are not replying to occasional shots from snipers at night. The Japanese foreign office announces there is no confirmation of a Petrograd dispatch that the Bolshevik Government in Siberia, and ordered the Red Guard to oppose the Japanese marines.

100 IRISH PARISHES PROTEST CONSCRIPTION

Clergy Taking Leading Part in Meetings Held.

London, April 16.—Meetings to protest against conscription were held on Monday in 100 parishes in Ireland, all classes of the population participating, says a dispatch from Dublin to the Times. The clergy took leading part in the meetings. Resolutions of protest are being passed in front public bodies and Sinn Féin clubs are very active. "Unquestionably," the dispatch adds, "the present temper of nationalist Ireland is very deplorable. The country has lost all sense of proportion, and has forgotten, not merely home rule, but the war. It is a country of contradictions, however, for in Dublin and some other towns voluntary recruiting has been remarkably good in the past few days."

ATTEMPTED TO INCITE HATRED AGAINST BRITISH

Motion Picture Producer Will Be Sentenced Later.

Los Angeles, April 16.—Robert Goldstein, a motion picture producer, charged with violation of the espionage act, was found guilty last night by a jury in the federal court, and will be sentenced later.

Goldstein was charged with exhibiting scenes intended to incite hatred against the British, which were incorporated in a motion picture play dealing with events in the revolutionary war.

ONE WOMAN KILLED

Two Persons Injured by German's Monster Gun.

Paris, April 15.—Shells from the long-range German guns killed one woman and wounded one woman and one man in the Paris district last night, according to an official statement issued today.

STILL AT IT.

Paris, April 16.—German long-range guns continue their bombardment of Paris.



Left.—The lines of ammunition trucks must be kept in order with as much care as the traffic on a city thoroughfare. Right.—No tocsin alarm was ever answered with more celerity than the gong that signals the coming of the deadly gas.

CAUCUSES OF BOTH PARTIES HELD FOR CONSIDERING M. S. A.

Proposed Amendments Under Review at Ottawa.

NEW FRENCH ARMY GOING TO BARRACKS TO START TRAINING

Youths of 19 Years Full of Confidence.

Paris, April 16.—The 1919 contingent of the French army (youths of 19 years) is just going to the barracks to begin training. Although called out a year before the usual time, these young men are in better condition physically than any of their predecessors.

They are starting out in as high spirits as the army did in August, 1914, shouting from the car windows that they will beat the Germans. The contingent around the railroad stations in the last two days have been more like the time of the mobilization than any other.

SEEDING GOING WELL IN WESTERN PROVINCES

Winnipeg, Man., April 15.—General seeding conditions and progress made with seeding are exceedingly satisfactory throughout the Canadian prairie west, says the Free Press crop report published yesterday. The percentage of wheat seeded is from 40 to 75 per cent, while in the north it is from 20 to 30 per cent. Seeding is evidently making rapid strides in Saskatchewan, but it is difficult to strike an average, and the estimate, which increases in accuracy as the season advances, is run from 8 to 30 per cent, with an indication that record increased acreage for Saskatchewan may be looked for.

In Alberta percentage for seeding run from 10 to 50.

'WOUNDED' ONLY REPORT Director of Records at Ottawa Knows Nothing of London Being Reported Killed.

The director of records at Ottawa knows nothing of the Harold Hayes, Engineers, having died of wounds. On Friday last Corp. Frank Hayes of the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion was at 11 Guilford street, was notified that his son had been admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds. He returned to duty on April 4, and had returned to duty on the same day.

Sunday night's casualty list issued from Ottawa, contained the name and regimental number of Pte. Hayes, and said that he had died of wounds. Immediately on being informed of this the father telegraphed the director of records and today he received a wire to the effect that Ottawa had no report of the death of his son. It is a country of contradictions, however, for in Dublin and some other towns voluntary recruiting has been remarkably good in the past few days.

NEW RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS TO U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—A new imports restriction list will be issued in a few days by the war trade board beginning the curtailment of transportation of goods from the United States to American homes. The first list out only commodities of which there was an ample supply or which could be produced here. The second will make it necessary, almost for the first time since the war began, for people to do without.

TEXAS ALMOST DRY

Nearly All Saloons Closed Because of Army Regulations.

Dallas, Texas, April 16.—The saloons in practically all Texas cities of more than 5,000 population closed their doors for good last night, as a result of the law enacted at the last special session of the Legislature prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles of any army camp.

About 1,500 saloons closed. The few that remain will be done away with when a state-wide act passed at the last legislative session becomes effective.

BAILLEUL FALLS INTO ENEMY'S HANDS AFTER BITTER STRUGGLE, AND BRITISH RETIRE TO NEW POSITIONS NORTHWARD

BLAZE DESTROYS GREAT AIRPLANE PLANT AT MANZEL WITH BIG FLEET

Much Raw Material Also Prey to the Flames, Say Reports.

MANY CASUALTIES ALSO

But Germans Are Guarding Scene So Closely Number Is Unknown.

Geneva, April 16.—Enormous loss was caused by the fire which broke out on Saturday in the zeppelin works at Manzel, near Friedland, and destroyed the plant, which had been transformed for the manufacture of airships of the Gotha type, according to reliable reports from Roonbach, on Lake Constance. Vast quantities of raw material were burned, and it is here since the early days of the enemy's attack on the military authorities at Lake Constance. Two large zeppelins and forty airplanes also were destroyed, comprising the whole fleet then at the plant.

Many warehouses were reduced to ashes, as also were the offices of the zeppelin works. The number of victims was considerable, but as the military authorities are preventing anyone from approaching the scene of the fire, the number of killed and injured cannot be known at present.

The fire broke out between 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday, and burned all day Sunday.

THE WAR SITUATION

Tremendous pressure exerted by picked fresh troops in the desperate German effort to drive the British from the Messines Ridge has compelled a slight retirement of the British line on the northern side of the ridge.

The town of Bailleul has been evacuated and the British front withdrawn to a line running from north of Wytchaele to the north of Wulverghem and thence to Wytschaete.

Wytschaete occupies the highest point of the eastern ridge system, and the British have been firmly established here since the early days of the offensive. The Germans, through their push into the southwest, are now apparently in a more advanced position to attack it, and their expected drive upon it was reported yesterday.

The British line, which bends here to the north, an extremely determined effort to push it back from Field Marshal Haig's troops.

Although the loss of Bailleul and some of the comparatively high ground around it, such as Mount-de-Lille and Revetberg, has been a decided setback for the defence, the British line, as it has been withdrawn, is still on a high ground, and the German advance is still being checked.

The British artillery thus possesses vantage points from which it can continue to pour in a devastating fire upon the attacking columns. Chief among these high spots is Mont Kemmel, which towers up more than 400 feet from the low ground of Wulverghem, two miles to the southeast. Apparently Field Marshal Haig's forces still have a firm hold on all this valuable hill top.

What may be called the frontal attacks of the Germans upon the ridge system back of Messines, Wulverghem and Holbeke, furnish the spectacular feature of the operations as reflected in the newspapers.

Field Marshal Haig's report, however, has an importance attached to it that cannot be overlooked. It records the repulse of heavy German attacks southwest of Wytschaete.

The German line here runs along the eastern border of Nieppe Wood, and it is by a push to the northwest in this region that the enemy hopes to reach Hazebrouck, some five miles distant, and well-nigh vital railway town. Well-nigh vital rail communications to the Messines and Ypres regions would thus be cut.

The British line is being strongly held in this region, however, and the flanking movement shows no signs of making progress, as the report of the Vieux Berquin engagement shows.

The German effort at present seems centered upon the northern side of the Vieux Berquin, no important fighting having been reported from the southern sectors.

CARVELL WILL PAY TAX IN HIS OWN HOME TOWN

Ottawa, April 16.—Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, appeared before the local court of revision last night and secured exemption from payment of \$6.50 war tax. He said that amount would be paid by him in his home town in New Brunswick.

BEST SPRING ON RECORD

Winnipeg, April 16.—"I never knew the spring to open as uniformly and favorably as has prevailed this year," was the comment of W. J. Black, Dominion commissioner of agriculture, who reached the city last evening after a tour of the western provinces.

"The prospects are good in all provinces. Everywhere the conditions are good and the prospects bright."

CLEMENCEAU RETURNS; IMPRESSION FAVORABLE

Paris, April 15.—Premier Clemenceau returned to Paris last night from the battlefield where he had been getting in close touch with conditions. The impression of the situation which he brought back to the capital with him was a favorable one.

Germans Use Three New Divisions For the Assault—Fresh Attacks Developing Near Wytschaete and Southwest of Vieux Berquin—British Take Some Prisoners.

London, April 16.—The Germans have captured Bailleul on the northern battlefield, the war office announces. The British have fallen back to new positions north of Bailleul and Wulverghem.

Fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. A German attack southwest of Vieux Berquin was repulsed.

The text of the statement reads: USED NEW DIVISIONS. "Yesterday evening, preceded by an intense bombardment, the enemy launched very heavy attacks against our positions between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise. The assault was delivered by three picked German divisions which had not been previously engaged in the battle, and it succeeded, after a fierce and bitter struggle, in carrying the high ground southeast and east of Bailleul, known as Mount-de-Lille and Revetberg. Our troops on this front have fallen back to new positions to the north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul has fallen into the enemy's hands."

"This morning fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. Early this morning the enemy also attacked southwest of Vieux Berquin under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire, but was repulsed."

"A number of prisoners were taken by us during the night in a successful minor enterprise southeast of Robecq. On the remainder of the British front there was nothing of special interest to report."

BERLIN GOVERNMENT DEFINITELY ANNULS REICHSTAG MOTION

Annexations Are Now Formally Approved.

Hertling Urged Change Threatened To Resign If the Former Resolution Were Still Adhered To.

Washington, April 16.—The German Government has definitely annulled the Reichstag motion of April 11, which provided for the formal approval of the annexations of Alsace-Lorraine and the Polish provinces of Posen and West Prussia.

The loss of Bailleul was not unexpected, for its strategic value could not compensate for the lives it would cost to retain it in the face of the terrible onslaughts of the Germans, who were able to bring to bear against it.

Last night's attack was preceded by a very heavy bombardment from German guns of all calibres. After this intense preparation, the enemy flung into this line the Alpine Corps, the 17th German Division and the 11th Bavarian Division, and bore down on the defending positions along the front from Mount-de-Lille—high ground just southeast of Bailleul—to Crucifix Corner, an elevation on the Bailleul-Neuve Eglise highway about 2,000 yards west of the latter place.

Line Unbroken. Desperate fighting ensued, but the battle-weary defenders, despite their gallant resistance, were unable to withstand the shock from overwhelming numbers of fresh troops. Slowly the German line advanced, and in good order, until they reached their present positions, where they held.

About the time the Germans surged forward against Bailleul, they also attempted to advance by two attacks southwest of Bailleul, just opposite the Continued on Page Eleven.

OVER-AGE MEN ONLY TO BE TAKEN WHEN OTHERS HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED

Britain Does Not Want Them Unless Necessity Forces.

London, April 16.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Commons last night, Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, stated the Government was determined to enforce the principle that no man over the present military age should be taken for service if the situation could be met by other means.

The age of 25 had been selected for a clean-cut in the civil service because above 25 there were men really indispensable from the viewpoint of war efforts. This did not mean that civil servants over 25 were not being released as rapidly as possible. Certain Government offices were considering the advisability of releasing all men for general service up to the age of 43.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 67; lowest, 35. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 29.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Toronto, April 16.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Easterly winds, fair, followed by some showers at night. Wednesday, showery. Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	43	Fair
Calgary	42	30	Fair
Winnipeg	73	40	Gloomy
Port Arthur	48	36	Cloudy
Montreal	72	38	Fair
Port Stanley	56	32	Cloudy
Buffalo	68	44	Cloudy
Kingston	58	40	Fair
Ottawa	72	38	Fair
Quebec	56	28	Cloudy
Father Point	50	30	Fair

Weather Notes. The barometer is highest to the northward of the great lakes and St. Lawrence, and the low area which was in Arkansas yesterday is now centred in Minnesota. The weather is showery in the western provinces. Elsewhere fair.