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Haig Hits Hard; Wins Back Ground

Quick and Decisive Results On Southern Side of Lys Front All Territory Lost Thursday Recovered and Line Restored; All British Objectives in Counter-Attack Gained; French Beat Off Attackers

Field Marshal Haig's troops took the aggressive last night on the southern side of the Lys battlefield, with quick and decisive results. They compelled the Germans to give up the small bits of ground in the Givenchy-Festubert sector, which were all the enemy had to show for his costly all day attacks of Thursday on this front.

The British counter blow resulted in the attainment of all the objectives sought and in the complete re-establishment of the British line as it existed before the Germans struck on Thursday.

The only offensive action on the German side reported from the British front was in the Robecq region, near the westerly tip of the Lys salient, north-west of Meville. The enemy met no success in this local operation, the British driving him back to his positions.

There is possible significance in raiding operations carried out by the British south along the line below the Scarpe river just to the southeast of Arras. Apparently it was a feeling-out operation to develop what forces the Germans have ready for an attack in this region. A German counter-attack was repulsed.

In the sectors of the southern battlefield held by the French there was a continuation of the heavy artillery action between Lassigny and Noyon, towards the French right flank.

British Report. London, April 20.—Nine machine guns, a trench mortar and prisoners were taken by the British in a local operation yesterday south of the Scarpe river. A German counter-attack was repulsed.

On the Flanders front the British ejected the Germans from advanced positions gained by them in the battle of Thursday in the region of Givenchy and Festubert.

The British gained all their objectives in their counter-attack in Flanders, advancing their defenses back from the British front and re-establishing their positions.

In sharp fighting southeast of Robecq the British drove back German attack parties.

French Report. Paris, April 20.—German troops last night launched a raiding operation against the French lines in the region of Hangard-Ka-Santerre, southeast of Arras. The operation was a failure. The French took prisoners in this local action. The artillery has been active along the southern battle line between Lassigny and Noyon.

Many Germans Surrendered. With the British Army in France, April 20.—(By the Associated Press)—In the neighborhood of Robecq many Germans threw away their rifles and surrendered when they could no longer bear up under the stream of machine gun bullets which was sweeping through them.

The British trench mortars also did great execution. The German artillery bombardment about Givenchy and from La Bassée northward along the canal yesterday morning perhaps set a new high water mark for intensity. Veterans of many battles declare they had never seen anything like it.

It was the German intention to wipe out the canal at Givenchy and from there to advance to Festubert, where a little outpost of British fighting the last man are the enemy was able to get in.

After having gained a footing in a bit of the forward trench at one time a body of Germans pushed through until they got to battalion headquarters, and the servants, orderlies and clerks armed themselves and fought side by side with the infantry until the Germans were beaten back.

One body of Welshmen surrounded in a melee held out and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy until assistance arrived and they were able to fight their way out again.

BOY KILLED CHILD OVER MARBLES GAME. Jersey City, N. J., April 20.—A charge of murder against a nine-year-old child, Frank Muchelowski, was made in the criminal court here today. Questioned as to why he killed Edward Chorosi, four years old, with a rifle while they were at play yesterday, the young defendant replied: "I shot him because he stole two marbles from me." It is alleged that after an argument over a game of marbles the Muchelowski boy placed this afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Hachey, 28 Harding street. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Walter C. Boulter took place this afternoon from the Home for Incurables. Services were conducted by Rev. Hammond Johnston, and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Gerald LaRoque took place this afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Hachey, 28 Harding street. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

IN HONOR OF SOLDIER. Very pleasant hours were spent last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Price, 182 Mecklenburg street, in honor of their son, Private Joseph Price, of St. John's first contingent, who recently arrived home on furlough. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a wrist watch to Private Price, given by the members of his family.

At a meeting of the Senior Epworth League of Portland Methodist church held last evening, election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Frank W. Merrill, president; Miss Rita Bell, first vice-president; Miss Lillian Skidmore, second vice-president; Mrs. John Howe, third vice-president; John Howe, fourth vice-president; Miss Grace Brown, 5th vice-president; Miss Christie Higgins, recording secretary; Miss Annie Hartshorn, corresponding secretary; William Leck, treasurer; Miss H. Wright, pianist and Miss L. Leck, assistant pianist.

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EXPECTED TO DIVIDE ALLIES IN A FORTNIGHT

German Officers in Neutral Countries Were Prepared To Bet

NOW A MONTH A PASSED

Minister of Blockade Says There is Indefinite Period of Strenuous Struggle Ahead and We Must Not Be Too Readily Optimistic

London, April 20.—That before the present German offensive began, German officers in neutral countries were prepared to bet that the Germans would succeed in dividing the forces of the Allies within a fortnight, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said in a speech last night at Hitchin he had been informed.

"A month has passed and the Germans have not succeeded," he continued, "but we would be wickedly foolish if we believed the battle had ended. We have an indefinite period of terrible and strenuous struggle before us. We must not undertake our enemy, who has had the great advantage of fifty years of preparation for war, favorable geographical position and united command."

"But British citizens who have witnessed the Germans for four years on equal terms have proved that their valor is equal to German training, while recently our forces in France were placed by the French armies under the command of that great soldier, General Foch."

Lord Robert did not think that the enemy's formidable advantages would decide the battle in his favor, but the Allies under the sway of a too easy optimism.

Since the battle had begun there had been no talk of peace and nothing had been heard but talk of German annexations, indemnities, increased power of the German military caste and the slavery of the rest of the world. He concluded: "We are fighting indubitably for the freedom of the world. Anyone who says the Germans desire to live in peace with their neighbors and are ready to make a just and righteous peace is indulging in voluntary self-deception."

FOR THE ARMING OF CANADIAN VESSELS. Ottawa, April 19.—By virtue of an order-in-council, dated April 12, the minister of the naval service is empowered to give directions that any British ship registered in Canada shall be equipped with such apparatus for protecting it against operations of the enemy as may be specified, and that the crew of the ship shall properly be instructed in the use of such apparatus.

It is also provided that every vessel built in Canada which is completed after April 1, 1918, shall be fitted with such defensive armament as the minister shall direct, and every vessel built in Canada and completed before that date shall be fitted with such defensive armament as the minister may direct before the vessel leaves Canada on any voyage for which the armament is necessary.

SAYS FULL PLOT WAS NOT REVEALED TO VON SHACK. San Francisco, April 20.—In the opening argument for the defence in the trial in the matter of the alleged conspiracy to overthrow British rule in India, Attorney T. J. Roche told the jury late yesterday that the nerve center of a vast conspiracy for that purpose was in the German embassy at Washington, but it did not taint the German consulate here.

Roche characterized Captain Fritz Von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy, as the "concealing mind" of the conspiracy, which he said was "world-wide and world-important." He said Von Papen deliberately involved Baron H. H. Von Schack, formerly German vice-consul here, as the financial agent of the conspiracy, except those receiving final orders, which those receiving the same from the German embassy at Washington, but it did not taint the German consulate here.

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Ten Million Americans Is Daniels' Prediction

Navy Secretary Declares Allies Will Hold Line Till Effective Help From States Arrives

Boston, April 20.—Speaking at a Liberty loan rally last night, Secretary of the Navy Daniels said the Allies would hold the line until the United States could send ten million men to France and that this country would build ships until we had the greatest navy in the world. There are now 40,000 naval men in foreign service, he said, and there are thousands more waiting at home for ships upon which to get into action.

"The only embarrassment we are having with the navy," he said, "is that 90 per cent of the men are clamoring to go on destroyers so they can see quick action and lots of it." He said that so long as the British, French and American fleets controlled the seas Germany could not win.

Referring to the German drive on the western front, he said: "Now, thank God, the Allied armies on the west front are under one command, that of the great Frenchman, Foch. The acid test for us at home is whether we shall subscribe or over-subscribe the Liberty loan."

LIQUOR CAME UNDER CONVOY NOW TO ENFORCE THE FOOD RULES IN SAINT JOHN

Large Quantity Seized in Victoria and Madawaska Counties

Fredericton, April 20.—Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson reports that a very heavy consignment of liquor seized in Victoria and Madawaska was this week forwarded to St. John. It was shipped under convoy as the chief inspector would take no chances of it being tampered with en route. The guards safely landed the wet goods in St. John.

This precaution was taken on account of numerous complaints made recently that liquor shipped from Montreal to this province, prior to the ban being put on inter-provincial traffic was being put on inter-provincial traffic was being put on during shipment and a large proportion of the liquor stolen. Complaints even are made that the same thing is happening shipments of light beer, which is allowed to be sold in the province under the prohibition act.

Dear Sir:—You will find enclosed a copy of order 28, issued by the Canada Food Board, dealing with the regulations for public eating places. I am also sending you a digest of this order, and if you have received copies of this order, and if you have distributed the same to the hotel and restaurant keepers, please return the same to me by return of mail, sixth column.

Collinsville, Okla., April 20.—Henry Rheimer, suspected of disloyalty, was hanged by a crowd of fifty men here last night, but after he had swung until he had become semi-conscious the police persuaded the would-be executioners to cut him down on the promise that he would be given a trial today.

Colonel Raynal C. Bolling of the American army has been killed in action in France.

PHENIX AND PHOENIX WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The barometer continues high from Ontario eastward to the Atlantic, but an area of low pressure from the Gulf of Mexico is now moving northward towards the Great Lakes. The weather has become warmer in the western provinces, but continues cool from Ontario to the maritime provinces.

Forecasts. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Easterly winds, fair; Sunday, easterly winds, with occasional rain.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Northwest winds, fine and cold; Sunday, northeast winds, fair and cold.

Maritime.—Moderate variable winds, fine and cool today and on Sunday.

New England.—Probably rain late tonight and Sunday; warmer, moderate east to southeast winds.

Fredericton, April 20.—Judgments were given yesterday afternoon by the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court, Justices White and Grimmer sitting. Judgments were as follows:—Scott vs. McCain Produce Co.—Chief Justice Hazen gave judgment of the court; new trial on counter claim with costs of the appeal.

Cheeseman vs. Canadian Pacific Railway—Judge Grimmer gave judgment of the court; appeal dismissed with costs. Judge White took no part.

Clary vs. Smith—Chief Justice Hazen and Judge Grimmer gave judgment; appeal allowed; new trial granted with costs of motion to defend it. Woodstock Electric Light and Power Co. vs. Dominion Tanneries—Judge Grimmer gave judgment of court; appeal dismissed with costs.

Wilson vs. Bell—Chief Justice Hazen gave judgment of court; appeal dismissed with costs.

Clark vs. Chief Justice Hazen gave judgment of court; verdict for plaintiff on his claim, with costs; verdict for defendant on counter claim with costs; smaller verdict to be deducted from the larger and judgment accordingly; costs of appeal to plaintiff. In this case the verdict of the plaintiff is the larger.

Farnell vs. Conway—Chief Justice Hazen gave judgment of court; appeal dismissed with costs.

Ten Houses Prey of Flames

Sandyville Section of Marysville Swept This Morning With Loss of \$30,000

Fredericton, N. B., April 20.—Fire originating in a house occupied by Garfield Peterson, Marysville, this morning, wiped out ten dwellings in the section known as Sandyville. The homes destroyed were occupied by operatives of the Canadian Cotton Mills. There was no water supply there for fighting fire and the auto chemical truck from this city was summoned.

Fifteen families are left homeless and a most of them lost everything they possessed. The business section of the busy town was threatened at one time, but prompt methods saved serious destruction.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., April 20.—The Marysville fire burned until about noon. Sixteen families were rendered homeless and five double houses and seven single ones were destroyed. The loss of real estate and personal property is estimated at about \$40,000, partially covered.

The eight double tenements and three of the single houses were owned by Alex. Gibson, ex-M. P. The other houses were occupied by the owners, Elbridge Walker, William Moore, Randolph Titus and Eugene Savage. The other dwellings destroyed were Garfield Peterson's, Charles Hanson's, George Meyers', Edward Peterson's, Wellington Estabrooks', John Marshall's, Mrs. Isabella Lemon, Edson Peterson's, David Saunders', William Manzer's, Fred Estabrooks' and Herbert Peterson's. Mr. Marshall is living in St. John.

Morning Session of House Budget Debate Continues—An Enlivening Incident—Double Tracks Remain in Union Street

Fredericton, April 20.—The first forenoon and the first Saturday morning sitting of the legislature this session was held this morning.

In the absence of Premier Foster, Hon. C. W. Robinson led the government forces and most of the members were in their seats. The morning session was deemed necessary in order to get along with the business still before the house.

A large amount of business has been transacted; the number of bills considered having passed well beyond the century mark, but there still is much to be done by the closing of the budget debate which will occupy a considerable portion of the time of the house today.

An evening session today and an early start on Monday will give the house an opportunity to get the routine matters well under way.

Dr. Baxter introduced this morning was one to give the municipal council of the province the authority to increase the per diem allowance of the councillors from \$8 to \$8 if they wish. This is a government measure of general application, substituted for a local bill, which had been submitted by the municipalities of Victoria.

The budget debate was resumed this morning by B. F. Smith, of Carleton, minister of public works, under the late government.

Mr. Smith's address up to the hour of adjournment was devoted entirely to criticisms of the agricultural department and particularly of the seed and fertilizer purchases and distribution. His chief objection seemed to be that the government had interfered with opportunities of private firms and individuals to profit from the necessities of the war.

The monotony of the proceedings was interrupted by as lively a little tilt as has been witnessed this session. Dr. Baxter began the trouble by making a reflection on the impartiality of the speaker, and when called to account said the remark was intended only for the ears of another member and not for the ears of the house. The speaker did not see it that way and insisted on the withdrawal of the remark.

Dr. Baxter persisted in his attitude and added another remark which further reflected on the speaker. After a brief but spirited debate, and after several members on both sides had poured oil on the troubled waters, Dr. Baxter, with an intimation that he had mental reservations, formally withdrew his remarks and the house proceeded.

Before taking recess at one o'clock, Hon. Mr. Burchill presented the report of the corporations committee to the effect that the committee had considered the St. John bill relating to the removal of double tracking of Union street and had decided not to recommend the bill. This means that the tracks will remain.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS RIDE IN TANK. Washington, April 20.—President Wilson rode around the White House grounds yesterday in the British army fighting tank, Britannia, which was brought here for use in the Liberty loan campaign.

IN WALL STREET. New York, April 20.—Nominal changes, mostly upwards, ruled at the opening of today's stock market. Equipments and shipments featured the narrow movement.

A GREAT INCREASE. More than 17,500,000 million bushels of grain have been shipped from St. John this winter to date, as compared with 5,450,000 last year. This is a record for this port.

ALL FURLOUGH LEAVE OF CANADIANS STOPPED FOR PRESENT. Ottawa, April 20.—Major-General S. C. Mewburn has received a cable from the minister of overseas military forces of Canada announcing that no more leave or furlough can be granted to officers and men of the Canadian expeditionary forces serving overseas. This is in view of the very serious situation at the front, and the absolute need of men remaining at their posts until the crisis is over.

No extensions of leave or furlough will, therefore, be granted, except for medical reasons, to officers and men of the overseas forces now in Canada. . . .

NO INCREASE IN ADVANCE OF AN INVESTIGATION. Another conference was held at the mayor's office this morning in relation to the power company's demand for higher rates. Dr. Wallace was present, with members of the city council and Committee of One Hundred. M. E. Agar and A. L. Foster reported on their visit to Fredericton. The meeting reaffirmed its willingness to rest its case with an independent commission and its unalterable opposition to any increase in rates in advance of a thorough investigation by that commission. Mayor Hayes will go to the capital again on Monday. The matter will come before the corporations committee on Tuesday.

CASUALTY LIST THIS WEEK HAS NAMES OF 12,368. London, April 20.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 12,368, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 577; men, 1,638.

Wounded or missing—Officers, 2,718; men, 7,991.

These casualties are approximately half as large again as those reported in the preceding week. Although heavy fighting has now been in progress a month, however, the lists have not begun to approach in size those of last year in the months of active operations when the British were on the offensive. There is no means of determining how far the casualties now being reported represent losses in the fighting since the German offensive was started. In the several weeks preceding last week, however, when 6,129 names were listed, the totals had been going no further than between 8,000 and 4,000.

NEW BLACK LIST. Washington, April 20.—A revised enemy trading list, containing more than 5,000 names, and for the first time including enemy firms in the neutral countries of Europe, was issued today by the war trade board. It was established in conjunction with Great Britain and France, to unify the efforts of the Allies to keep their products from reaching the enemy.

Italy has accepted the list in principle. The number of firms listed as enemies in South America was slightly reduced from previous lists, after investigation disclosed that the claims of many that they were neutral were justified. Besides the neutral countries of Europe, Greece and Morocco are included in the territory covered by the list.

Visited the U. N. B. Fredericton, April 20.—Responding to an invitation a party of members of the legislature visited the U. N. B. this morning. They were welcomed by Chancelier Jones and members of the staff and given opportunity to inspect the building, the equipment and some of the work of the students.