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Battle of Amiens Which Began Last Saturday is Likely to be Resumed By Germans Soon—Allies Have Absolute Confidence in Outcome of Approaching Bitter Struggle—Enemy Likened Unto a Mad Bull.

(By Wilbur Forrest)

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

Paris, April 4.—The Allies are masters of the situation on the western front. The enemy's advantage gained in his initial surprise has completely passed. No one expects the Germans to cease their efforts in what may now be termed the battle of Amiens. This battle began properly last Saturday, when fresh hordes attempted to invoke the same tactics of mass attacks against the little town of Moreuil, which the enemy's strategy designated as the key of the situation. Here, although opposed by far smaller Franco-British forces, the Germans were fought to a standstill, and Moreuil was left finally in Allied hands.

In the opinion of those who are watching the situation from Paris, where the panorama of the entire front unfolds itself daily, the enemy has not only suffered losses, but he has learned that the Allies are finally ready for his new bull tactics, and that they now know the proper counter procedure.

The situation was summed up by M. Renault, president of the army committee, in a speech in the chamber of deputies. He has just returned from a tour of the entire battlefield, which he made at the invitation of Premier Clemenceau. "I bring back an impression of absolute confidence," said M. Renault. "Everywhere among both leaders and men, there is a state of admirable inspiration. The leaders are displaying a masterliness of the situation which following events can never change."

Enemy Like Mad Bull.

M. Polybe, writing in "Figaro," likens the enemy to a harnessed bull in a bull fight. "The German bull, his progress arrested by magnificent resistance, is now trying to shake off the darts planted in his flanks by the counter-attacks of our splendid hussars. The brute rushed in, traversed the arena with terrible impetuosity, but he moved far less swiftly than was intended. He is now butting his horns against the barriers of our counter-attacks. It is necessary for this animal to find an outlet, because he is now the prisoner of his own first success on this terrible ground. Friday, Saturday and Sunday expiated the beast. He endeavored to break through the sixty mile front from Moreuil to Lassigny.

"Since that great fight at Verdun, the Germans have never been fiercer anywhere. In view of the entire absence of artillery on both sides, it was practically a clash of infantry, in which the enemy at nightfall was falling back on his own battered lines. The comparative calm of the last two days must be considered the lull before the storm. When it breaks, the French, the British, and possibly America's oldest veterans in France will enter the struggle together with absolute confidence and with the advantage on their side.

"Troops which have fought and beaten the enemy, before, will there. It is the last act of the great drama, with Foch's strategy matched against the enemy's. Foch has behind him his career on the Marne, on the Yser, and in Italy. In all these places he fought with unequal forces, and outmaneuvered the German hordes. Now he is on equal ground. 'Watch him' is the watchword here in France."

Children Hate Pills, Calomel and Castor Oil.

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

O'CONNOR RESIGNS

Ottawa, April 4.—W. F. O'Connor, K. C., has resigned as chief of living commission to the Minister of Labor.

This morning he declined to give any reason but said the resignation was entirely voluntary.

Mr. O'Connor still holds his position as counsel to the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General. Whether he intends to retain it is not known.

Hans Pedersen.

Hans Pedersen, a former well known florist of this city, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at his home in Lakeside, N. B.

Mr. Pedersen had been working about the house as usual, but had complained about not feeling well. At the solicitation of his wife he promised to desist after he had removed some articles in a team and was on the point of picking up the reins to drive off when he collapsed and died in a few minutes. Heart trouble was attributed as the cause of his death.

He was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and was in the 77th year of his age. He came to this country with his wife in 1882 and started his florist business.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters and five sons. The daughters are Miss Astrid at home, Mrs. C. Widdinger of Boston and Mrs. Louis Jackson of St. John, N. B. The sons are Vito J. Kristian, Walter of this city and Hugo and Torvald in France. The former is with the American troops and the latter with the Canadian forces.

The funeral will take place this afternoon from his late residence to St. Paul's church, Lakeside, where funeral services will be conducted.

Mrs. Emma J. Wright.

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Boston, April 4.—Mrs. Bertha A. Bagwell, widow of Patrick Bagwell, of St. John, died yesterday in Back Bay. Death was due to heart trouble. The deceased was Miss Early of St. John.

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The funeral of Pte. Alfred Dalton of the Depot Battalion took place yesterday morning at 6.30 from Powers' undertaking rooms to the Union Station, whence the body was forwarded to the residence of the deceased's parents, Chipman. The Depot Battalion Band and a firing squad were in attendance.

PROMISE WORK ON CAMPOBELLO WALL

Dick's Pond Sea Protection in Bad Condition and Repairs Needed.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 4.—Information of particular interest to the people of Campobello was secured by Mr. Gupitill in the legislature on Tuesday. Mr. Gupitill asked "Is the Government aware that the Dick's Pond seawall on Campobello Island, under construction in 1916 and to have been completed in 1917, is in bad condition by reason of the work not having continued last year; and if so is it the intention of the Government to have this work carried out this year?"

In reply the Minister of Public Works said: During 1916 the department made a grant not to exceed \$1,000 for repairing the pallade protection work along this road and \$226.97 was expended. The work requires further attention which will be given during the coming summer.

MANY BUILDINGS IN GERMANY ARE HIT BY AIRMEN

Great Damage Done in Coblenz, Treves and Cologne in Retaliation for Raids and Bombardment of Paris.

Amsterdam, April 4.—Despatches to Les Nouvelles state that on the occasion of the last allied raid on Coblenz twenty-six persons were killed and one hundred wounded. Great damage was done, the railroad station being demolished. In the last raid on Treves sixty were killed and hundreds were wounded, the railroad station was damaged and streets in the neighborhood were heaped with ruins.

In the raid last week the Cologne station was hit and many buildings were demolished. A troop train standing in the station was struck, and many occupants were killed or wounded. The emperor visited the spot the following day.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Nora Shea.

The death took place yesterday afternoon at her residence, 133 Duke street, of Mrs. Nora Shea, widow of Michael Shea, following an illness of several days. Mrs. Shea is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary, at home, and two sons, William J. and Peter, at Peter's boys' school, and Arthur; also by one brother, Richard Sullivan. Mrs. Shea lived for many years in Fredericton.

Mrs. Edith M. Trecartin.

The death of Mrs. Edith M. Trecartin occurred Wednesday after a short illness. She leaves beside her husband, one daughter, Agnes, three grandchildren, four brothers, Robert of Hampton, James, Charles and P. A. Smith of this city; three sisters, Mrs. S. Buchanan, Mrs. A. Wright of this city and Miss Harriet Smith of Boston. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence, 13 Union street, West St. John.

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GENERALISSIMO OF ALLIES IS SURE VICTORY IS IN SIGHT

Little Activity in the Battle Area During Night and Early Morning—Heavy Gun Fire North of Montdidier, Near Rheims and on Left Bank of the Meuse.

Paris, April 4.—"We can henceforward regard the future with tranquillity," was the confident statement that General Foch made to Rene Renault, president of the army committee, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front the day before yesterday. General Foch even went further, says Renault, and asserted that, as things now stand, the most glorious hopes are permissible.

British Statement.

London, April 4.—There was little activity in the battle area last night with the exception of hostile artillery fire at various points. The war office announced this today, and added that a few prisoners were taken by British parties. The text of the statement reads:

"During the night a German machine gun post in the neighborhood of Hebuterne was rushed by our troops and the machine gun captured. A few prisoners were brought in on other parts of the battle front.

"Beyond hostile artillery activity at various points on the battle front and also in the Meuse Road and Passchendaele sectors there is nothing further to report."

French Statement.

Paris, April 4.—Heavy artillery fighting, says the French war office, occurred last night on the front north of Montdidier. In raids in Champagne the German forces took prisoners and captured two machine guns.

The French official statement follows:

"The artillery fighting became very violent during the night in the region north of Montdidier. Northwest of Rheims, in the Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) French troops penetrated German trenches at several points, bringing back thirty prisoners and two machine guns. German raids east of Rheims in Avocourt Wood and north of St. Die were without success. There is nothing to report elsewhere."

The French Confident.

London, April 4.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—The French public are breathlessly but confidently awaiting the resumption of the German onslaught. Deputies who have returned to Paris from various constituencies say that they found no trace of nervousness. The whole country is heartened by the latest news from the front and is absolutely confident of the ability of the army to foil the enemy in his next move. Meanwhile, the German press is busy counselling its readers not to expect too much. The Cologne Gazette says that extraordinary rumors are prevalent in Germany regarding the extent of the German "victory," and are inspired by the enemy, who is exaggerating the German success for the purpose of encouraging the masses who were becoming depressed through disappointment.

SINN FEINER LOSES

London, April 4.—T. J. S. Harrison, Nationalist, has been elected to parliament for East Tyrone, defeating Milroy Sinn Feiner. The vote was 1,800 to 1,219.

QUEBEC TO OBEY LAW, SAYS GOUVIN

Premier Looks For No Further Trouble and Favors Drafttees Being Called Privately.

Montreal, April 4.—An interview with Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, is published in a special to the Montreal Daily Star from Quebec city, which quotes Sir Lomer as saying, with reference to the recent rioting in that city: "The law is the law, and it must be respected. I believe that there will be no more trouble but that the people will respond to the calls which may be made. It seems to me that the men might be called privately, and not in public places, as was done by the federal police authorities."

Sir Lomer is quoted as saying that the people of Quebec were prepared to obey the military service act, although they did not approve of it. He would not reply to a question as to whether he, as premier of the province, proposed to take any steps toward assisting the federal authorities in the enforcement of the act.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER MAN IS DEAD.

John Taylor, Manager of Financial Times, Formerly Business Manager of Herald, and Prominent Printer, Passes Away.

Montreal, April 4.—John Taylor, manager of the Financial Times, for many years business manager of the Montreal Herald and in his younger days a leading printer of the city, died here today. Mr. Taylor was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, forty-nine years ago, the son of David Taylor, also a widely known printer. He came to Montreal with his parents at an early age and had since lived here. He was widely known in fraternal and sporting circles. He leaves a wife and two sons. A brother is foreman of the Montreal Herald's composing room staff.

THERE IS NOTHING SO GOOD AS MILBURN'S LAXA-LIVER PILLS

They will regulate the bowels, and will tone, renovate, and purify the liver, removing every result of liver trouble from the temporary, but disagreeable bilious and sick headaches, to the severest forms of liver complaint.

They are small and easy to take, and gripes, sickness or weakness like the old-fashioned, nauseating, griping purgatives.

Mrs. A. Kirk, 53 Yorkville Ave., Toronto, Ont., writes: "I have tried and tested Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, and have received good results, for which I am very thankful. I took them for liver trouble. I came out of the hospital on May 3rd, last, after having had a serious operation which might have been saved had I taken your remedy sooner."

Some to my sister for biliousness and sick headache, and she has found great relief. A lady who lives in my house has started to take them. I will do my best to recommend them to all my friends."

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Too Much Indigestion Causes HEADACHE

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Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Jaundice and Constipation come from impurities in the blood. There's one remedy—Dr. Wilson's Bitter Bilets.

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