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German Warships at Large; Bombard Dunkirk

Official French Statement Says They are Operating Off French Coast

TWENTY PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Nineteen Large Shells Fall in French Town and Some Houses Are Destroyed—Evidently Ships From Kiel Escaped the Watching Britishers

Paris, April 30—German warships have been seen off the Belgian coast, according to an official statement given in Paris today. Large shells, to the number of nineteen, have fallen on Dunkirk.

There have been several despatches in the last week, indicating that German warships were at large in the North Sea, evidently having evaded the British men-of-war which, for many months, have been doing patrol duty in front of the German naval bases on the eastern side of the North Sea.

The latest report along this line was brought in by Captain Scott, of a Swedish steamer, who declared that he had seen in the North Sea a German fleet numbering no fewer than sixty-eight vessels, of all classes, from battleships to torpedo boats. The Scott despatch did not say where or when the ships had been sighted, but the inference was that the incident had occurred within a week.

Dunkirk is on the northern coast of France, within a few miles of the Belgian frontier. It is at the northern entrance of the English Channel, and is to the east of Dover and to the west of Ostend.

London, April 30—(12.40 p.m.)—The British steamship which was reported last night to have been sunk by a German submarine, off the Isle of Lewis, North Scotland, was identified today as the Erik 14th steamer Mohle, carrying a cargo of coal. The Mohle's crew of 23 men was landed today.

Paris, April 30—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "German warships have been reported at large off the coast of Belgium."

"Dunkirk yesterday received nineteen shells of large calibre. Twenty persons were killed and forty-five wounded. Some houses were destroyed."

Canadian Casualties At Ypres Are At Least Two Thousand

Only One Quarter of List Has Reached Ottawa so Far—Feared Identifying Graves of Fallen Will Be Impossible

Ottawa, April 30—At least 2,000 Canadians fell at Ypres, according to information received at the department of militia. The casualties received so far total only 600, so three quarters are yet to come.

Even at this it is feared the estimate is unduly conservative. No battalion, it appears, escaped. Every regiment that was in the fight has recorded losses, most of them heavy and every city and town in the dominion has its quota on the roll of honor.

Probably it will be a week or more before the total is known. The question of identifying the graves of Canadian soldiers is being considered.

"It is well not to hold out much hope in that regard," declared a high military officer today. "From personal experience I know that it would be next to impossible. The case will be different where men die in hospitals and are buried in cemeteries adjacent. Where hundreds fall, however, it is customary to bury them in trenches and to establish individual identification would be extremely difficult if not impossible. The bodies may be identified by marks on the clothing, but separate headstones cannot, it is feared, be arranged for. It is considered well that the relatives of the fallen be advised frankly not to expect too much, having regard to the battle. Another possibility is that many of the Canadian dead may have been buried by the enemy." General Hughes, however, has wired Lord Kitchener that everything possible be done to keep the identification of our fallen heroes.

GOVERNMENT'S TROUBLES MEAN NO PROROGATION THIS WEEK

Fredrickton, April 30—(Special)—The house is not to prorogue today after all. There has been another government caucus, and the difficulties over the Valley Railway affair are evidently greater than was anticipated. The house will therefore meet again next week.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is now low over the greater portion of the continent with a pronounced disturbance centered in southern Alberta. Rain has fallen generally in Quebec and the maritime provinces, while a few local showers have occurred in Ontario and Alberta.

Maritime—Fresh easterly winds, cloudy and cool today and on Saturday with occasional rains.

CANADIAN AMBULANCE SOUGHT BY GERMANS; FOLLOWED AND ALL KILLED

Rogers Has Way Election on Monday June 14 or 21 is Ottawa Announcement Today

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 30—There is going to be a general election in June. The government has finally been coerced by Hon. Robert Rogers, and dissolution is expected next week. The poll will be taken on a Monday, either June 14 or 21.

SEVERAL MORE MARITIME MEN ARE WOUNDED

P. E. Island, Fredericton, Moncton and New Brunswick Soldiers in Casualty List

Ottawa, Ont., April 30—A casualty list issued early this morning, contains seventy names of which about a dozen have been previously mentioned, but are now reported with additional particulars.

The 1st, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 10th and 18th Battalions are the chief sufferers in this morning's list. There are also some losses recorded among the artillery of the 3rd Brigade.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded—Private Peter Augustine Hughes, Mill Cove, N. B.

Second Field Artillery Brigade—Second Lieutenant Gunner Frank G. Ferguson, Sunny Brae, Moncton, N. B., admitted to No. 8 general hospital, Rougemont in France.

Third Field Artillery Brigade—Wounded—Gunner Michael Augustine Leasing, No. 4 Dover street, St. John's, Nfld.

Brigadier General Killed. London, April 30—Included in the latest list of officers killed are the names of Brigadier General Riddell, commander of the Northumberland Fusiliers brigade; Second Lieutenant Darwin, a nationalist, and Second Lieutenant Blodgett, who died on Tuesday.

Company Protests Against Being Forced to Scrap \$10,000 Worth of Connections

The postponed meeting of the common council was held at noon today. The council heard a delegation from the street railway company who protested against having to use the tip of girder rail for their connections at Market square, Kane's corner and the One Mile House, for which they already had secured the stock at a cost of \$10,000.

Police Court Michael Tyrrel, a sailor on the steamer Hesperian was fined \$5 or two months in the police court this morning for using obscene language on the West Side ferry boats last night. The fine was allowed to stand.

A man named McLeod was fined \$20 or two months in jail for assaulting Bernard Moore early this morning. The fine was allowed to stand.

CLARKE-CURTIS A pretty wedding was solemnized last evening in Zion Methodist church when Rev. J. B. Champion united in marriage Ruben James Clarke of Victoria, Carbonara, Nfld., to Jennina Curtis of Great Cove, Nfld.

Mayor Frink reported on the invitation to attend the conference of mayors on the unemployment situation and his reply that, while St. John is not affected, he was willing to co-operate.

Mayor Frink drew attention to the condition of the current revenue fund which is in danger of being over-taxed and a report was asked for.

London Newspaper Man Sends Story of Deliberate Murder of Non-combatants By Fiends of Enemy Battery

London, April 30—The correspondent of the Daily Mail declares emphatically that he has never sent, and never intends to send, unproven stories of German cruelty, but he says the following is absolutely proved.

"That a Canadian ambulance was deliberately sought out and followed by a battery until all were killed."

"Almost for the first time," he adds, "I found in our men that feeling of bitter rancor which makes even shattered men crawl back from the hospital into battle."

MOBILIZATION AT CAMP SUSSEX

Definite Announcement Comes From Ottawa—Local News of War

The reports in the Times some weeks ago regarding mobilization of New Brunswick troops at Sussex are borne out by a statement by Major-General Hughes, who says that not only the units mustered from this province, but those from P. E. Island are to be quartered there. This will mean that the 58th Battalion and the 6th Mounted Rifles will have their summer training at Sussex.

A special to the Times from Ottawa, however, says that the men of the 58th, as well as the 3rd and 4th, will be included in the mobilization which might mean that the 58th and the 4th will be mobilized at Fredericton, might be sent to a camp at a time, at least, at the big camp "round the hill" near New Brunswick.

The Times' special says: "All soldiers of every corps now training in Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick for service in the second, third or fourth Canadian divisions will be mobilized in Sussex without delay. The minister of militia wants to get all the men training in Canada out of barracks as soon as possible, at ranges where they can obtain field training and target practice."

The troops of Nova Scotia will mobilize at Lunenburg, New Brunswick at Sussex, Quebec at Valcartier, Ontario at Kingston, Pictou at Pictou, Manitoba at Saskatchewan at Sewell, Alberta at Calgary, British Columbia at Lethbridge.

The 6th Mounted Rifles have been informed that if they wish to go to the firing line overseas, they may do so by transferring to some of the infantry battalions, and that some of them may do so.

Today's Training The 20th, intended having a route march this afternoon, should there come a clearance of the weather, but this morning continued their training about the barracks. Outpost duty and advanced guard detail are to be carried out this afternoon. The men of the 58th continued their ordinary drill today, as did those of the Construction Corps.

Personals Lieut-Col. McAvity returned this morning from Halifax. Lieut-Col. Kirkpatrick left for that city last night. Col. J. P. Landry returned to the city this morning from Halifax. Lieut-Col. Black, of Seckville, passed through the city today on his way home from Fredericton. Capt. D. F. Pidgeon, of the D. A. C., Fredericton, came to the city this morning.

Major Jones, of the 58th, in the city today, spoke well of recruiting between here and Moncton, and Sergeant-Major Ford, who came back from Fredericton this morning, said that prospects were most bright here.

MATTER OF PRINCIPLE J. Fraser Gregory was fined \$10 this morning for not sounding his automobile horn when rounding the corner of the hill and Pond street on the 29th inst. He contended that the sounding of the horn had a tendency to frighten people and he was opposed to the practice.

Sydney In Fire Grip; Loss Of \$167,000

Sydney, April 30—A disastrous fire swept the business district in Charlotte street this morning. Several buildings were wiped out. The blaze started in Wright's Ltd., furnishing house which was razed to the ground with loss of \$50,000, partly covered.

The Minto Hotel, in which building was located the Dominion Express Company, Williams' tobacco and confectionery and a shoe shine department, was razed to the ground. Other buildings demolished were the Harrington Block containing the Miles grocery store, Kelly's photographic studio and several others. Giblin's haberdashery also was burned out.

The loss is estimated at \$167,000. At noon the firemen had the blaze under control. The losses are approximately: Wright's Limited, \$50,000, insurance, \$27,000; Minto Hotel \$30,000, insurance, \$2,000; Harrington block, \$25,000, insurance, \$12,000. All the others were pretty well covered.

GERMANS ON THE DEFENSIVE

Definite Now That Their Drive Has Been a Failure

Enemy Brought to Standstill—British, Daily Growing Stronger, Press Hard on Germans, Who Have All They Can do to Hold on—Huns Fire on Ambulance

London, April 30—A despatch from Rotterdam to the Daily Telegraph, dated April 29, says: "The terrible battle along the Ypres-Yser fronts is still raging with little diminution of fury and strength. The Germans are now definitely on the defensive along the whole line westward from Zottebeke, and then along the canal to Damme."

The great offensive for which the Germans made an enormous concentration of troops and which was intended as a second attempt to break a passage to the channel coast, has failed.

From Zottebeke along the newly won territory, past the Pillen hills toward the canal, the Germans have been brought to a complete standstill. At one or two points yesterday spasmodic attacks were made, quite fruitlessly, against the British who, now that the tide is stemmed, have dug themselves in along the whole front close to the German lines, but in the absence of reinforcements, the latter are finding it all they can manage to cling to their dear purchased territory, in face of assaults by the British in constantly augmented strength.

AMBULANCE SHELLED Paris, April 30—The French War Office reports: "We made progress yesterday to the north of Ypres, in the region of Steenstraete."

"The city of Rheims received 500 shells, of which many were of an incendiary nature. These missiles started several fires, but it was found possible to extinguish them and to put them out quickly."

"In the Champagne district the enemy shelled one of our ambulances, wounding a doctor."

London, April 30—The German attack on the Yser has ceased, says the Times correspondent in northern France, writing under date of Thursday.

"The enemy has fallen back on the defensive," he says, "and is struggling to defend the small territory gained. Fought in the attempt to cross the canal, the enemy made an equally vain attempt to force a passage of the Yser at Dixmude."

"Belgian shells and bombs destroyed pontoon bridges so soon as they were in position, and the gallant Belgian army still holds its lines intact."

FRENCH NEAR THE LORRAINE BOUNDARY

Paris, April 30—An official note issued by the War Office gives details to show that the Germans continuously are retreating in regard to recent battles. Assertions in regard to occupied territory made in French official reports are said to have been absolutely exact.

In several places, notably between Henamell and Ancerville, an advance of approximately three or four kilometers (between 2 and 2.5 miles) is reported by the French. It is contended that the French are making continual progress in this region and even now are not far distant from the Lorraine boundary.

SOLDIERS' VOTES ON THE WAY TO ENGLAND

Montreal, April 30—Nineteen large boxes addressed to the secretary of the high commissioner, 17 Victoria street, London, England, from the clerk of the crown in chancery, Ottawa, arrived in Montreal last night on the Ottawa train with printed material and necessary adjuncts to carry on the polling of the soldiers' votes.

The train with this left here with the nineteen boxes in the baggage car bound for Halifax and St. John.

THE OPIUM CASE

The opium case against Hop Lee and also against several Chinese for frequenting the place, was resumed in the police court this morning. H. O. McInerney continued to cross examine Hum Ging and the latter gave a demonstration of how the pipes were smoked. Hum Ho Thomas was called by Daniel Mullin, K. C., who is conducting the defence. He explained the different parts of the pipes, and said that it would not be possible to smoke opium in them. The court arose to sit again at 3.15 o'clock this afternoon.

GAS BOMBS KILL GERMANS, TOO

London, April 30—Additional information received by the Times regarding German gas attacks says that the gas cylinders are 5 1/2 inches long, sunk in the German trenches, and to which are connected pipes six feet long, leading in the direction of the allies' lines. The Germans are supplied with respirators made of damp towels enclosed in bags of water-proof cloth.

In spite of these precautions, however, it is believed that a considerable number of men working the gas apparatus were exhausted when empty cylinders were sent back to the rear to be refilled.

ALE AND STOUT SENT FROM ST. JOHN SEIZED IN FREDERICTON BARN

Fredrickton, April 30—The police this morning raided the barn in Phoenix Square within a stone's throw of city hall and seized nine barrels of bottled ale and stout. It had been shipped from St. John.

The water in the river has risen more than two feet during the last few days and there is a good run of logs at the boops.

BRITAIN COMMANDERS MEAT CARRYING STEAMERS

London, April 30—The British government by an order-in-council today commanded the whole meat carrying capacity of all British steamships trading between Europe and the Argentine and Uruguay republics.

SURPRISE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Medley Moore were given a pleasant surprise at their home, 271 Main street on last Tuesday evening when friends called and presented to them a Morris chair and a parlor lamp.