

BRITISH MAKE GAIN ON WIDE FRONT

BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED BY SIR THOMAS WHITE THIS AFTERNOON

General Maude Reports Further Success in Mesopotamia Over Turks

THE BATTLE OF ARRAS ENTERS ON SECOND STAGE

British Launch a New and a Strong Attack—Huns Resisting Stubbornly and Fighting is the Fiercest Yet

By Philip Gibbs.

Correspondents' Headquarters, April 24.—The battle of Arras has entered into its second phase, that is to say into a struggle harder than the first day of battle, on April 9, when, by a surprise following big operations, we gained great success all along the line.

This morning, shortly before five o'clock, English, Welsh and Scottish troops made new and strong assaults on the Hindenburg line. On the battle and so far as I know, up to the time of writing, the day has been in our favor, and we have gained important ground, inflicted a great loss on the enemy, and captured a number of prisoners, especially in the neighborhood of Pontaine les Croisilles, where, I am told, more than a thousand have been taken.

Tentative fighting everywhere, for the enemy was no longer certain of the place where we should attack him. As soon as the battle of Arras started, it was clear to us we should deliver our next blow when we had moved forward on the Oppy line, as we call it, which protects the Hindenburg position north and south of Arras in Artois. His troops were told to expect our attack at any moment and hold out at all costs of life.

To meet our strength the enemy brought up many new batteries which were placed in front of the Hindenburg line, and close behind the Oppy line, and he massed large numbers of machine guns in the villages and in shallow trenches dug from which he could sweep our line as we advanced by direct and enfilade fire. These machine guns were thick in the ruins of Roeux, just north of the River Scarpe, and in places to the south of it; in two small woods called Bois-de-Sert and Bois-de-Vert,

TURKS DRIVEN FROM POSITIONS—RAILWAY EQUIPMENT TAKEN

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bulletin, London, April 24.—The Turks in Mesopotamia have been driven from their position between Samara and Izatablat, the war office announces. The British pursuing them occupied Samara station yesterday, capturing sixteen locomotives and 224 railway trucks.

The announcement follows: "General Maude (British commander in Mesopotamia,) telegraphing on Monday evening, reports that the battle which was in progress on the right bank of the Tigris between Samara and Izatablat continued well into the night of Sunday. The fighting was severe and hand-to-hand numerous counter-attacks being made by the enemy, but he was driven from a stubbornly defended position, elaborately prepared with iron roofed dugouts.

"We followed in pursuit and occupied Samara station early Monday. The enemy had hastily destroyed what he could but our captures included 16 locomotives, 224 railway trucks and two barges containing munitions.

"On Saturday and Sunday the enemy's casualties were heavy, but the full count of the wounded and unwounded prisoners who fell into our hands has not been completed."

CANADIANS ARE IN THICK OF THE NEW ADVANCE

They are Fighting Hard in a Suburb of the Coal Centre of Lens—Huns Try a New Poison Gas

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Headquarters in France (via London) April 24.—At dawn yesterday morning, after a vigorous artillery preparation, an attack was launched upon that part of the enemy line opposite the northern end of the Canadian corps. On the centre and on the extreme south the attack was speedily successful, and our objectives were reached with relatively small losses. At the northern end of the line the enemy developed a tenacious resistance at the electric station to the west of Avion. Here houses had been transformed into carefully fortified machine gun positions, which were difficult to deal with.

Our infantry were held back while artillery turned a concentrated fire on the electric station and on the western part of Avion, whence also a galling enfilade fire was directed upon the troops who, in the first rush, had occupied Fosse Seven. House-to-house fighting was resumed after the bombardment, which greatly weakened the enemy resistance. The progress made is important, in that it brings our line close up to Avion, a suburb of Lens to the south of the Hindenburg line.

DEPARTURE OF THE 215TH AMID SCENES OF HEARTY FAREWELL

Men Presented an Exceedingly Fine Appearance; Speeches Made on Brant Avenue Core; Notable Send-Off For the Battalion

Although the life-blood of Brantford and Brant County, in the shape of the best manhood in the district has time and time again been voluntarily and unhesitatingly offered to the Empire, none of the battalions that have preceded the 215th overseas have been dispatched to fight the Empire's battles on foreign battlefields, under more auspicious circumstances than those which now exist, at the time of the departure from Brantford, of the 2nd Brants, composed chiefly of men from the counties of Brant, Norfolk and Halimand, but including in the ranks, recruits from not only every part of the wide Dominion, but from the most remote regions of the United States. Since the inception of the battalion a year ago, it has made steady progress, and although its numbers have at times seemed small, exactly at twelve o'clock, when the feeling of the officers of the 215th and of the citizens of Brantford as a whole, is unanimous in their approval of their fitness to emulate the splendid example that has been set by their friends and comrades who have preceded them overseas. While there was sorrow experienced by the loved ones left behind, and general regret felt by the city and county at large, the departing men were grouped around the triangular plot, while the city turned out en masse to greet the boys and bid them a last "au revoir" before they fell into marching order.

The address of Acting Mayor McBride, was: To the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 215th Battalion, who are about to depart for the front, I bid you a hearty farewell. I am proud to have you in my city, and I am sure that you will bring back with you a wealth of experience and a knowledge of the world that will be of great value to you in the future. I am sure that you will be successful in your efforts, and I am sure that you will bring back with you a wealth of honor and glory for your country.

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Where Canadians Are Fighting

In the new British advance described in yesterday's despatches the Canadians, at last report, were engaged in hard fighting around Avion, showing on the map, a suburb of Lens. Important progress has been made. It would appear from a study of the various reports received during the past few days that the mere occupation of the Lens is not the primary object in that sector, the hope of the British Commanders being to cut off a large number of the Germans holding the town.

Russian Socialists are Greatly Agitated Over the Sinking of Vessel by Sub

(By Courier Leased Wire.)

London, April 24.—Despatches from Petrograd to-day state that the Russian Socialists are greatly excited over the sinking by a German submarine of the Steamer Sara, which was taking home a number of Russian refugees.

The Sara sailed on April 11 and was torpedoed in northern waters two days later.

Among those on board the Sara were Peter Karpovich, leader of the progressive movement among the students in Petrograd University, who lost his life, and M. Jensen, leader of the Lettish Social Democratic Committee in London. Karpovich was sentenced to Siberia in 1901 for the shooting of M. Bogolizpoff, Russian minister of public instruction. He escaped from prison and in 1913 made his way to London.

The official organ of the Council of Labor Deputies in Petrograd, commenting on the sinking of Sara, says: "This heavy blow right at the heart of the Russian revolution, cannot pass without its effect. The revolutionary democracy must reply with a blow at the center from which the torpedo was sent. The Democracy must regard the murder of its leaders as proof that the rulers of Germany are base hypocrites and that their promises not to harm the cause of Russian liberty are empty words."

Prussian Undersea Boat is Said to Have Been Netted Near Newport

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, April 24.—A special despatch to The Herald from Newport News, Va., last night, says: "A Prussian submarine, the U-36, was caught in a net near Newport News, Va., according to circumstantial report in circulation here to-day, and she is either now on the way to the New York navy yard, at Brooklyn, or has arrived there. The submarine is said to have been captured by the crew of one of the latest American battleships. The submarine's bow became entangled in the net set to protect naval waters and before she could back away, the floating planes became involved and she could not free herself.

"Immediately the warning was sounded and the officers and crew of the Prussian undersea craft surrendered.

"The submarine was not seriously damaged and was piloted in charge of competent men and with a crew of a tow started for New York harbor. It is not known what disposition was made of the capture crew. They probably have been sent to the interior fortification under secret guard.

"The story of the capture of the U-36 came out here to-night when officers of a battleship came ashore."

BIG DELEGATION LEFT FOR TORONTO REGARDING HIGHWAY.

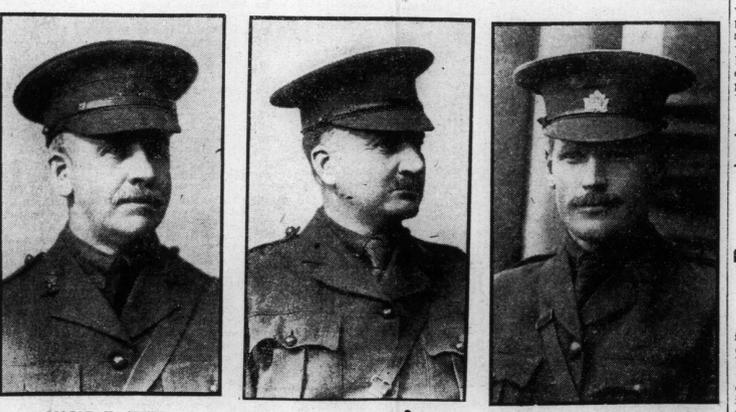
A large delegation left this morning by special coach on the 9:30 G. T. R. train for Toronto in order to take part in the presentation of the bill for the running of the proposed Provincial highway through this district. Others left on the earlier train, and there will be an excellent showing.

The party included, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., Mayor; Bowby and aldermen, Warden Rose and County Councillors, County Clerk Watts, Mr. W. S. Brewster, K. C., Chairman Waterous and members of the Board of Trade, members of the Motor League, the Mayor of Ingersoll and many others. Mr. Brewster will be the principle speaker in the presentation of the city case.

Other delegates will be on hand at the Parliament Buildings from Hamilton, Woodstock, St. Thomas, St. Catharines, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg.

Earl Crouckman, a young Sarnia man, had four front teeth pulled out by a doctor in order to remove a billiard ball from his mouth which Crouckman had placed there on a bet.

The oil agitation around Flesher-ton is not reaching a climax. Experts have been on the ground for a week locating the first test well, which will be within the corporation.



MAJOR E. SWEET, Second in Command of the 215th Battalion. LT.-COL. HARRY COCKSHUTT, Honorary Colonel and organizer of the 215th Battalion. LT.-COL. H. E. SNIDER, Officer commanding the 215th Battalion.

THE BRITISH MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS—TAKE MANY PRISONERS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bulletin, London, April 24.—The British gained ground on a wide front last night, south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. They reached the St. Quentin canal at one point. Further north, the villages of Beaucamp and Villersplouch were captured. The positions gained on the French front yesterday, says the official statement to-day were maintained and further progress was made east of Monchy and near Roeux.

More than 1,500 prisoners were taken in yesterday's operations and many more are coming in.

BITTEREST FIGHTING ON THE WOTAN LINE

British Have Driven Two Wedges Into German Positions—Germany Militarizes Munition Factories

What apparently is the bitterest fighting of the present Anglo-French offensive is raging to-day along the Wotan line.

The British have driven two wedges into the German positions, forming sharp salients in the region of the Scarpe river and north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The head of the first salient has been thrust within four miles of Vitrey, the most important point on the Wotan line, but the tenacity and power with which the Germans are fighting leaves the issue for a time in doubt.

The semi-open character of the fighting affords little opportunity for the use of the great howitzers, these engines of destruction being best adapted for the smashing of permanent defences. The battle is being waged largely with machine guns and field artillery.

RESISTANCE INCREASING

British Headquarters in France, April 24.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The resistance of the German armies appears to increase in accordance with the nearness of the British approach to the Hindenburg line. This is particularly true along the present front, where the threat is against the Drocourt-Queant switch line which is depended upon by the Germans as the connecting link between their lines north of St. Quentin and south of Lille. This is the switch toward which the Germans are falling back slowly, but surely as a result of the turning of the top of the original Hindenburg line, running from just southeast of Arras toward Queant.

The fighting which began at dawn yesterday beyond Arras, increased in intensity late in the afternoon and last night. The ground gained by the British was won in the face of some of the most desperate fighting on the part of the Germans since the war began. Trench warfare for the time being is forgotten. The Germans, away from their deep dugouts where so often in the past they were inclined to seek refuge during a period of assault, were urged by their officers to make every sacrifice. During attack and counter attack the cries of the officers to their men could be heard above the grinding tumult of battle.

"This is the last and deciding push we soon shall be able to hold out no longer," reads the diary of a German officer, who was captured yesterday. It is evidently in this spirit that the present fighting is going on.

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Weather Bulletin

Ontario, April 24. The pressure is quite high over the Great Lakes and low off the Atlantic coast, and a snow fall has occurred in the southwestern portions of Manitoba. The weather is fairly mild in the Maritime provinces and unseasonably cool in all other parts of the Dominion. A snow fall has occurred in the southern portions of Manitoba. The weather is fairly mild in the Maritime provinces and unseasonably cool in all other parts of the Dominion. A snow fall has occurred in the southern portions of Manitoba. The weather is fairly mild in the Maritime provinces and unseasonably cool in all other parts of the Dominion.