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CANUCKS BOSS NO-MAN'S LAND WITH RAIDS ALL ALONG FRONT; MOTHERS' DAY IN THE TRENCHES

Dominion Boys Continually
Harass and Worry Enemy
With Few Casualties—
Everybody to Write Home
On May 12.

Ottawa, April 27.—Major-Gen. S. C. Wewburn, minister of militia, received today a cable from Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas forces, regarding the operations on the Canadian front during the past few days. The cable states:

"On April 21, Saskatchewan troops entered the enemy trenches, inflicted casualties and captured one wounded prisoner."

"On April 22, the German trenches were raided at six different points during the night. The Canadians inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and captured five prisoners and two machine guns."

"On April 23, the Canadians repulsed a hostile raid, causing numerous casualties to the enemy."

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CANADIAN ARMY 'ALWAYS READY,' SAYS COL. REID

London Officer, Now Base
Commandant in France,
Brings Optimistic Message.

EVERYONE IS CONFIDENT

"Realize They Have Tremendous
Fight, But Hopeful"—
Little Crime Overseas.

Col. Frank Reid, commandant of an infantry base in France, and who first went overseas with the first contingent, is spending a few days at his home in London, Canada, and will return to the front in a few days. He has returned partly on sick leave and partly on duty.

"Everyone is very hopeful over there," Col. Reid told The Advertiser today. "Even right after the German attack on April 22, the Canadians were confident that they would win. The Germans were not able to approach our positions. We carried out successful raids in the region of the Oise Canal near the Loire and northeast of Camille, and took a number of prisoners."

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NURSES FROM WHOLE PROVINCE



Some of the delegates to the nurses' convention of Ontario which concluded its sessions at the Victoria Hospital today.

POWER ORDER FIASCO REMAINS AS BEFORE; MAYOR STILL HOPEFUL

"Understands," He Tells Advertiser, That Much-Talked-Of
Ruling Will Come Shortly—Camouflage Somewhere,
Belief of Utilities Commissioner Mitchell.

Friday Sir Adam Beck stated that, in so far as he was aware, no order had been made by Sir Henry Drayton, Dominion power controller, for the operation of the London Electric plant.

"Today Mayor C. R. Somerville states that he has been given to understand that the plant will be operating within a week. The mayor expects to reveal the identity of his informant."

"He was asked by The Advertiser if Sir Henry Drayton's deputy, who was in the city on Thursday, had told him this. His reply was 'No,' but he added that the information might have come from his informant."

"The mayor somewhat qualified his assurances, however, by adding: 'Positive assurances that one gets one day are, when one talks to others and receives additional information, changed.'"

"However, the mayor followed the qualification with his first statement that he had been given to understand that the plant would start in a week."

"The mayor's attitude seemed to be one of playing safe. He hesitated seemingly to give out the information which he had gleaned for fear that it might be wrong."

"Camouflage" at Work. Utilities Commissioner F. G. Mitchell, who has been working on a scheme for taking over the London Electric, fears that there is some camouflage going on. "It is a shame that they are juggling this case about the way they are while hundreds of people have to put up with the inconvenience of no light," he said.

"I want the London Electric plant operated, I don't care how or who operates it so long as it is operated, but if these people don't come through in a day or two, then I will go ahead with my plan," Mr. Mitchell will likely say for a special meeting of the city council.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of Toronto yesterday, states that he understands that Sir Henry Drayton's order has not as yet been issued, that the London Electric shall operate. However, he believes that the order will be issued shortly, and on this assumption is going ahead and connecting up old L. E. customers in the belief that the hydro department will be able to care for them when relieved of the street railway load."

Manager Barnes of the London Electric is still without advice from his principals.

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GERMANS DRIVEN BACK EAST OF AMIENS, WEST OF KEMMEL, LOSING GROUND WON FRIDAY

Development of Operations By Enemy Following
Capture of Key Position in Flanders
Blocked By French and British—Enemy
Thrown Out of Loos and Voormezele
—British Line Advances in Somme Sector,
Where Haig Takes 900 Prisoners.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

Paris April 27.—A German attack near Thennes, on the front southeast of Amiens, was broken up last night, the war office announces. Artillery fighting continues on the front between Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard.

The statement follows: "During the night the artillery battle was continued along the front between Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard. There was no change in the situation."

"The Germans attacked our defences on the line of railroad west of Thennes, but were not able to approach our positions."

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