

# GERMANS PROBABLY PLAN ATTEMPT ON CALAIS

## ENEMY MAKES ONLY TRIFLING GAINS IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Germans Still Engaged on Big Arras Drive Announced in Standard Wednesday Morning and May Be Endeavoring to Clear Passage to Calais and Other Ports—Enemy Bringing up More Artillery.

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 28.—The German artillery this morning put down an intense bombardment along the front between Arras and the Somme river (south of Lens), but up to the time of the filing of this despatch 10 a.m., no infantry action had been reported.

The Germans made several assaults near Rosignol, but on each occasion were driven back. Near Salby, Laurette another sharp engagement occurred, and here also the British maintained themselves and secured prisoners.

The Germans are continuing to bring up artillery and rush in new troops from various parts of the line in preparation for the continuance of the drive.

### One Slight Gain.

London, Mar. 28.—In the last twenty-four hours the German have made but one comparatively trifling gain as the result of numerous massed attacks along the whole front, says Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters.

For the British there may be claimed several distinct local successes, either in completely repelling enemy blows or in wresting back ground won by counter-attacks. Although the Germans continue to use their infantry with ruthless prodigality, the general pressure along the front is for the moment less determined. This may be attributed in part to the enemy waiting to bring up heavy artillery preparatory to another great effort, and in part to exhaustion.

### Fierce Fighting.

London, Mar. 28.—Prisoners and machine guns have been captured by the British. The war office so announces. The fighting continues fiercely on both banks of the Somme. The statement follows:

"Severe fighting took place again last evening and during the night on the Somme and northward from Albert to Boves. Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme and in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Fricourt and Moyenneville. They were repulsed. We captured a number of prisoners and a number of machine guns.

"The fighting is continuing fiercely on both banks of the Somme. A heavy bombardment on our defences east of Arras, and an attack is developing in this sector."

The attacks which are developing today are part of a second phase of the battle. German military writers in the last few days have been hinting that surprises were in store for the British and there has been much discussion of the possibility of a German drive for the coast with the channel ports of Calais and Dunkirk as the objective. It was announced in The Standard Wednesday morning that a drive was being made on Arras.

### Ferocious Fighting.

Paris, Mar. 28.—Blocked on the Lassigny and Noyon fronts and on the left bank of the Oise, the Germans last night threw forward important forces in the region of Montdidier. The war office so announced.

## BLINDED BY INDIGESTION

And Tortured by Headache—Spells Became More and More Frequent Until Cure Was Found.

Ingonish Beach, N. S. Mar. 27.—Chronic indigestion is hard to get rid of because the treatments used aim to relieve rather than to remove the cause. This letter shows how the trouble develops from constipation until the digestive system is upset, the food ferments, and headaches and blinding dizzy spells result.

In this case cure was effected by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Mrs. Donovan writes that she has never had a headache since.

This seems to be conclusive evidence of the thoroughness of the cure.

Mrs. John J. Donovan, Ingonish Beach, N. S., writes: "I wish to speak a word or two in praise of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I was troubled for years with sick headache and constipation, and was so bad that when the pain would strike me I would get blind, would have to drop everything and go to bed. These spells used to come very frequently—sometimes as often as twice a week. I read in Dr. Chase's Almanac of his Kidney-Liver Pills, and decided to try them. I hadn't used this medicine long until I was completely cured. I have never had a headache since, and feel that I cannot speak too highly in praise of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. You cannot expect such results from substitutes and imitations, so be sure to see the portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., on the box you buy.

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## IMPORTANT MATTERS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Commissioners Placed Selves on Record as Favoring Placing Harbor in Commission—Number of Lots Leased to Booth Fisheries, Ltd., for Sardine Canning Factory.

The members of the common council yesterday placed themselves on record as being in favor of placing the harbor in commission and granted the request of the Booth Fisheries Ltd. for lease of lots on the West Side which they desire to use in the erection of a sardine cannery.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan, Russell and Fisher were present.

A. P. Barnhill, K. C. and S. Z. Grady appeared on behalf of the Booth Fisheries Ltd. and asked for lease of certain lots now under lease to Messrs. Driscoll and the lease to date from April 1 instead of May 1. Mr. Barnhill assured the council that no fertilizer would be manufactured on the premises and that there would not be as much odor as from a large fish store.

Mr. Grady said local help would be employed as far as possible and it was the intention to start building the factory at once.

On motion of Commissioner Russell the request of the Booth Company was granted.

Mayor Hayes brought up the matter of putting the harbor in commission and announced that the government was prepared to consider the taking over of the harbor. He presented the following report on the value of the West Side wharves:

Inventory	Assets	Debentures	Outstanding
Union Wharf and Warehouses Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	690,000.00	\$ 592,500.00	
South Rodney Wharf and Warehouses Nos. 5, 6, 7	478,400.00	512,046.16	
Renovations in 1917	60,000.00	60,000.00	
		\$1,165,546.16	

C.P.F. Wharf and Warehouses	200,000.00	
Debentures against improvements at Union Wharf and Warehouses		240,000.00
		\$1,405,546.16

He then called on Commissioner Wigmore to tell of the steps already taken.

Commissioner Wigmore said he and Mr. Elkin had taken the matter up first with Hon. Mr. Carvell and then with Hon. Mr. Ballantyne. The ministers had seen the advisability of the

today. Here the fighting rapidly took on extraordinary ferocity.

French regiments fought hand-to-hand with the enemy and inflicted heavy losses. Finally the French fell back to the heights immediately to the west of Mont Didier. The statement says:

"The battle was fought with sustained violence last evening and last night. The Germans, blocked by the valiant French troops and cruelly punished before the Lassigny and Noyon fronts and the left bank of the River Oise, concentrated all their efforts on the French left, and threw forward important forces in the region of Mont Didier.

"At this point the engagements soon developed an unheard-of ferocity. French regiments, fighting hand-to-hand, inflicted heavy losses upon the assailants, and did not falter. Finally they withdrew in order to the heights immediately to the west of Mont Didier.

"There has been interrupted cannonading on the remainder of the front."

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM COL. MCKENZIE OF FIGHTING 26TH

Royal Standard Chapter is Thanked on Behalf of Famous New Brunswick Battalion—Interesting Account of Red Cross Hospital in England.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, regent of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E., has recently received the following letter of acknowledgement from Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, of the Fighting 26th, for the Christmas Dinner Fund of \$1,070.00 sent to the Battalion's account in Bank of Montreal, London, England:

Moore Court, Sidmouth, Devon, 9-3-18.

Dear Mrs. Smith: Your letters telling me about the contribution to the Battalion funds followed me all around France and part of England, and only reached me a few days ago. Needless to say I appreciate very much what you were able to do in such a short time, and I wish you would convey the thanks of the Battalion to those who contributed to the fund. I regret to say I was in hospital when the Battalion had their Christmas dinner, but I believe everything was a grand success. Even better than last year.

I have been away from the battalion since November 24th, with an attack of enteric fever. I came to England on January 17th and after about a month at the Prince of Wales Hospital came down here. I am sure you will be interested in what I can tell you about this place.

It is run under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross. There is accommodation for eighteen officers. The building itself is beautifully situated overlooking the channel, and the place itself is quite a large summer and winter resort on the famous Devon coast.

The Hospital or rather Convalescent Home, is run entirely by Canadian ladies, seven in all, and Lady Allan is the commandant. It is more like a home than a hospital, and when one once gets here it is difficult to leave. This place is only one of many where the Canadian Red Cross sent convalescent officers.

I go up for a board on the 14th and expect to return to the Battalion shortly.

Thanking you for the great interest you have taken in the Battalion, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. E. G. MCKENZIE.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IN PALESTINE

Forces East of the River Jordan Converge on Amman.

London, Mar. 28.—A further advance by the British forces which have crossed the Jordan river, in Palestine, is announced by the war office. The statement follows:

"Yesterday afternoon our forces east of the Jordan converged on Amman. Our mounted troops are within a mile of the town. Amman is about twenty-five miles east of the Jordan. We took 200 prisoners, drove down four enemy airplanes and heavily bombed enemy troop transport trains on the Hedjaz railway. Many direct hits were observed.

"Last night successful raids were carried out between the Jerusalem-Nabulus road and the Jordan Valley."

## SOLDIERS' COMFORTS DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW MORNING

Travellers, Citizens and Soldiers Combine in Historic Appeal—Everybody is Helping—Grand Concert in Imperial This Afternoon.

There have been about as many taggers in St. John as drives on the western front, and just as the present battle exceeds all others, so will the combined forces of commercial travellers and Soldiers' Comfort Association place in the background all previous patriotic efforts of a like nature. What a name to conjure with, "soldiers' comforts." The man, woman or child in St. John who fails to be moved by it must have a heart of stone. Some two hundred workers have collaborated to interview practically the entire city and they will appreciate even the smallest subscription, while from the better off they are anticipating substantial cheques. Columns could be used in telling the reasons why the public should support this splendid cause, but it is not necessary as probably not one person in the city could be found to argue the point. It should

be, and is, only necessary to acquaint the public with the plain facts. The concert at the Imperial Theatre at 4.15 today in aid of the cause should be liberally patronized. All the theatres have agreed to do their share and the commercial travellers are hoping to hang up a record Saturday night which will be most gratifying to all concerned. There are three items for citizens to remember: Watch for the commercial travellers and taggers, the patriotic concert in aid of the general fund Friday, and to decide quickly how much to give to the soldiers' comforts and have the amount or cheque ready for the commercial travellers and other taggers who will be engaged in this work all day Saturday. The fire bell will ring at nine o'clock as a signal for those engaged in Saturday's big drive to start work. No one has authority to canvass for soldiers' comforts until Saturday morning.

government owning all the deep water wharves and were now prepared to take over the city wharves if a satisfactory agreement could be reached. They were willing to recommend to the government that the city be relieved of the liability for the debentures, and in the case of wharves against which there was no indebtedness appraisers would be chosen and the city be paid the value arrived at by them. For the present at least the wharves owned by private parties would not be taken over and these would stand in the same relation to the government that they do to the city at present.

Commissioner McLellan moved the following resolution:

"That this council considers the time opportune for the placing of the harbor of St. John in commission and that the council approves of commencing negotiations with the federal government with the idea of putting the harbor in commission along lines similar to the Montreal Harbor Commission. Further that a plebiscite be taken on the question." This was adopted.

Commissioner Fisher was given authority to pave Union street from Charlotte to Prince William streets with a semi-permanent paving, to be paid for out of appropriation.

Commissioner McLellan asked about the paving of German street between King and Union and Commissioner Fisher promised to submit a report in this connection.

A request was received from Pte. Vincent M. Joyce for fishing privileges

in Courtenay Bay and Commissioner Russell advised that the city had no power to grant the request and suggested that Pte. Joyce communicate with the Marine and Fisheries Department, Ottawa.

## UNITED STATES TO SEND LABOR LEADERS ABROAD

Will Make Known to British and French Labor Position of Labor in United States With Regard to War.

New York, Mar. 28.—To make known to British and French labor the position of the labor in the United States with regard to the war, a delegation of nine American labor leaders with credentials of the American Federation of Labor, will sail shortly for England and France.

This was announced late today by the American Alliance For Labor and Democracy, of which Samuel Gompers is president.

The American labor mission, according to a spokesman for the alliance, will tell British and French labor leaders that organized labor in the United States is committed to the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion and will not confer

with any representative of an enemy country.

The mission, officially known as the "American Federation of Labor mission" is composed of the following: James Wilson, president Pattern-makers League of North America, chairman, John P. Frey, executive officer, International moulders union of North America, secretary; William Short, president Washington state federation of labor; Miss Mel-

inda Scott, president Straw Hat Trimmers and operatives union; Miss Agnes Nestor, vice-president, glove workers international union; William H. Johnston, president International association of machinists; George L. Berry, president, international printing pressmen's and assistants union; Chester M. Wright, member International Typographical union; Martin P. Ryan, president, Brotherhood of Railway Car Men.



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