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Further Gains By The Khaki Troops On A Wide Front

Reach St. Quentin Canal at One Point—Gains on Monday Are Held—Fifteen Hundred Prisoners Counted so Far and Many Still Being Brought in

London, April 24.—The British gained ground on the wide front last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. They reached the St. Quentin Canal at one point. Further north, the villages of Beau-camp and Villers Plouich were captured. The positions gained on the French front yesterday, says the official statement today, were maintained and further progress was made east of Monchy and near Rouex. More than 1,500 prisoners were taken in yesterday's operations and many more are coming in.

FRENCH REPULSE ENEMY

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There can be no healing of the wound till the thorn is removed.—Kansas City Star.

W. A. ANNUAL MEETING OPENS

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Fredericton diocesan branch of the Women's Auxiliary was commenced this morning in Trinity church school room with Mrs. Thomas Walker presiding. At 1:30 o'clock the delegates assembled in the church, and following Holy Communion, Rev. Ralph Sherman preached a very appropriate sermon in the course of which he welcomed all the delegates to the city.

GERMANS OVER REACH THEMSELVES IN THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

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PROOF OF LIES BY THE GERMANS

Admission, Now, As To Strikes in Germany, Despite Former Denial

Copenhagen, via London, April 24.—Additional light is gradually being thrown upon the extent of the recent strike in Berlin by items appearing in the Berlin newspapers. The Vorwaerts, which previously denied that the big munitions factories at Spandau, near Berlin, was affected by the strike, printed the following in Monday's edition: "The lathe operators at Spandau, who are on strike, have decided to return to work. The big munitions factories at Spandau are again working in full force. Martial strikes at the German weapon and munitions factory and Ludwigsloeve (an important establishment not previously mentioned), are ended. The Bolshevik party is again in full operation, strikes having been found for the women operatives not reported."

TWO NORWEGIANS SUNK

London, April 24.—It is officially reported, Mrs. Allen touched upon the many demands expected of the woman today but the W. A. had responded well. Both time and money had been freely and effectively given.

STORY OF PRESSURE ON KAISER TO ABDICATE

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SPAIN AGAIN SENDS NOTE TO GERMANY

Madrid, April 24.—The government has sent another note to Germany on the submarine question, according to Imperial.

CLOSE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE ON SATURDAYS

London, April 24.—A committee of members of the stock exchange has decided that the exchange should be closed on Saturday until further notice to permit members and employes to take up work of national importance.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO FURNISH COPPER SUPPLY

St. John's, Nfld., April 24.—The colonial government is developing in Newfoundland copper mining activities on the northeast coast in the expectation of providing additional supplies of the metal for the allies. Three large mines near Notre Dame Bay were worked profitably by old methods forty years ago. When the copper available by these methods ran out the mines were largely suspended. It is estimated that many million tons can be recovered under modern means of concentration.

ARGENTINE WHEAT TO ENGLAND; CANADIAN IN RETURN

Buenos Aires, April 24.—In accordance with an agreement entered into with the British minister the Argentine government has authorized the exportation of 150,000 tons of wheat and 200,000 tons of flour to England on condition that 200,000 tons of wheat from the Canadian harvest shall be returned to Argentina in July.

WILSON'S WAR ADDRESS TO BE SCATTERED AMONG GERMANS

Paris, April 24.—Upwards of 300,000 copies of President Wilson's war address to congress are to be dropped over German lines by French and American aviators. The text of the message, translated into German, has been delivered by the printers and is now ready for distribution. The dropping of the message is the result of an agreement between the French and American governments.

GERMAN GRIP ON AUSTRIA

Amsterdam, April 24.—A Vienna despatch says that the continuance of the pro-German ministers in power is considered certain as the result of the deliberations of the German parties on the political situation. In parliamentary circles it is expected that the Reichsrath will be convened on May 30.

SEVERAL MORE ST. JOHN SOLDIERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL IN THE WAR; OTHERS ARE WOUNDED

Mrs. Margaret Connell, of 2 Short street, received word this morning that her husband, Pte. Robert James Connell, had died of wounds at No. 18 Casualty Clearing Station on April 10. Private Connell was well and favorably known about the city. Previous to enlistment he was a teamster. He was twenty-six years of age and leaves his wife, father and mother, Mrs. Thomas Connell, Marsh road, three sisters, Mrs. Charles Ritchie, Mrs. George H. Fry and Miss Mabel, all of this city, and two brothers, both of whom are serving king and country. A brother, Louis, was reported only this week as being wounded and in hospital. Pte. Fred, now in England recuperating from wounds received while at the front. Louis and Robert were in the same regiment. The deep sympathy of many friends will go out to this patriotic family as all too truly the grim tale of war is being written into its records. Only last evening Mrs. Connell received the last letter that her husband will ever send home.



PRIVATE LOUIS B. CONNELL St. John boy, only seventeen years of age, wounded in the big drive.

Pte. Thomas H. Rowley

Mrs. G. B. Madill, of 210 Waterloo street, received a communication today from the department of militia and defence, informing her that her brother, Pte. T. H. Rowley, who has been reported missing since April 6, 1915, is now, for official purposes, posted as killed in action.

Private Rowley was in an infantry battalion. He had many friends in this city who will learn with deepest regret that he has made the supreme sacrifice in the defence of his country. He was in the crater fight and it is known he was wounded as his sister had that word from a comrade. But nothing more could ever be learned.

A brother, Walter Rowley, also enlisted and went to the front. He was reported ill in hospital, but word came from him later to the effect that he was on leave for ten days. No doubt the word has been returned to his post at the front.

Pte. F. McCausland Killed

That Private Frank McCausland, 17 Albert street, West St. John, a member of a local infantry battalion, had made the supreme sacrifice, falling at Vimy Ridge on April 9, was the information received in the city this morning. Private McCausland was only eighteen years of age. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and two sisters. He had many friends throughout the city who will learn with regret of his death.

Sergt. A. H. Boddington Killed

Fredericton relatives have been officially notified that Sergt. Albert H. Boddington has been killed in action in France. He left here with an artillery unit two years ago and had been at the front for some time. He was formerly employed as a clerk at the Waverley Hotel, Fredericton, and was prominent in the "Prentice Boys and Orange order. He was the first of ten members of the Fredericton fire department on active service to fall in battle. Some months ago he was awarded the military cross. Sergeant Boddington was a native of the old country. He leaves wife and two children.

Pte. James Boyle

Pte. James Boyle, who was wounded in the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 14, died on April 18. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle of Waas, three brothers, John, Fred and Charles, of Waas; four sisters, Mrs. McGinnis, Mrs. Murray and Miss Clara Boyle of Bangor, and Miss Lena Boyle at home.

Pte. C. J. Hutchins

That her son, Private Charles John Hutchins had been admitted to No. 14 general hospital in Wincereux on April 18 suffering from a gunshot wound in the right thigh was the word received this morning by Mrs. Martha Wilson. (Continued on page 2, second column.)

CENTRES OF GERMAN MENACE TO SOUTH AMERICA



Brazil's great German population in at least three states, Rio Grande, Parana and Santa Catharina, 500,000 in number, have revolted, according to despatches from Montevideo (Uruguay), which asserted that the Teutons were well armed with artillery, and plentifully supplied. The government of Rio Grande province was said to be concentrating its strongest and most loyal troops to oppose the rebels at Porto Alegre, and the Uruguayan government is massing its troops on the frontier, fearing the Germans may invade Uruguay. The Brazilian Germans were known to have been preparing to move against Uruguay. Their preference was for occupation of Chile, whether the German ambassador to Brazil has fled. At Porto Alegre, Brazil, a mob attacked 270 German houses, tore down German flags and smashed the windows. Afterward, captures of the German emperor were sent to the walls. Porto Alegre is a modern city, with a population of 130,000.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis.—The pressure is quite high over the Great Lakes and low over the Atlantic coast and in the southwest states. The weather is mild in the maritime provinces and unseasonably cool in all other provinces. A snowfall has occurred in the southern portions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Ottawa, Valley—Fresh north and northeast winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

Rain or Snow.

Maritime.—Moderate winds, fair today. West coast of north-west gales, cooler with light rain or snow. New England forecast—Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cool; fresh north to west winds.