

A CAMOUFLAGE ART IN PROTECTING HISTORIC VENICE



Advertiser Illustration.
A camouflage floating anti-aircraft, bordering well in the marshes of the Adriatic.

FRENCH BREAK INTO ENEMY POSITIONS IN AMIENS AREA; HAIG SMASHES ALL ATTACKS

Poilus Capture Portion of Senecat Wood and Advance in Several Other Sectors on Somme Front—British Inflict Terrific Casualties on Germans.

PARIS, April 18.—The French forces in the region of Amiens have captured a portion of the Senecat wood and made advances against the Germans on several other sectors, according to the official communication issued by the war office tonight.

The text of the communication follows:
"We have attacked various enemy positions on the Avre on a front of four kilometres between Thermes and Mailly-Rainval. "East of the Avre we have made progress and west of it we have taken the greater part of the Senecat Wood and carried our line to the outskirts of Castel. Farther south we reached the slopes west of the heights dominating the Avre."

"The number of prisoners taken by us exceeds up to the present five hundred, of whom fifteen are officers. We captured several machine guns."

"It is confirmed that an enemy raid last night east of Caubieres Wood was deadly for our assailants. We found about forty German bodies on the ground. We took twenty prisoners, including one officer."

HAIG GIVES HUN BAD DAY.

LONDON, April 18.—Field Marshal Haig's report tonight reads as follows:

"There has been severe fighting again today on the greater part of the Lys battle front. From LaBassée Canal at Givenchy to the Lys River, east of St. Venant, a bombardment was reported this morning, followed by strong hostile attacks, all of which have been repulsed."

"The losses inflicted on the attacking German infantry by our fire are again reported to have been extremely heavy, and over two hundred prisoners have been taken."

Fierce Struggle Near Givenchy.
"The struggle has been particularly fierce in the neighborhood of Givenchy, where the enemy made determined efforts, without success, to recover his previous failures. The fighting in this locality has not yet ceased, and the activity of the enemy's artillery is continuing on the whole of this front."

"Later in the day further attacks, accompanied by heavy shelling, developed against our positions south of Kemmel and were repulsed."

"Beyond considerable artillery activity in different sectors, particularly south and north of the Somme, there is nothing of special interest to report from the British front."

SITUATION UNCHANGED, SAYS BERLIN.

BERLIN, via London, April 18.—The evening report from general headquarters says:

"In Flanders, on the Lys battle field, the situation is unchanged."

"Northwest of Moreuil strong French attacks broke down with sanguinary losses."

"Yesterday the enemy left to us a large part of the Flemish territory which had been gained by him after months of struggle at the price of huge sacrifices. General Sixt von Arnim's army took from the enemy, retreating step by step, Poelcapelle, Langemark and Zonnebeke and following him up closely, drove him back behind Steenbeek."

"South of Blankenfort Lake an enemy counter-thrust checked our forward movement."

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

ST. THOMAS, April 18.—Miss Ethel Hayton of Houghton is in a serious condition at her home here as a result of being crushed under a piano, which fell over on her as she was laying a carpet. She had her hip fractured, and it is feared has internal injuries.

THIS REPORT FROM SARNIA

Gives Further Proof That the Exhausted Nervous System Can Be Fully Restored by the Great Food Cure.

Sarnia, Ont., April 18.—For five long months Mrs. Abraham of this city was under the care of her doctor suffering from nervous collapse. Even strong opiates failed to enable her to sleep and she became extremely exhausted.

Paralysis was feared, but Mrs. Abraham remembered meeting Dr. Chase in Ann Arbor, Mich., some years ago, and got thinking about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. You need only to read her letter to learn how this treatment built up her strength and made her well.

Mrs. C. W. Abraham, 263 Christina street, Sarnia, Ont., writes: "I had a serious nervous collapse, and doctored for five months without any benefit. I tried various treatments, including the treatment of a chiropractor, but the relief gained was only temporary. The nerves on my right side were affected so that at times I could not keep my glasses on long enough to read a letter. When I was a little girl at Ann Arbor, I remember having seen Dr. Chase, and knowing of his practice, had great confidence in him and his medicines. Consequently I commenced using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when all else failed, and they have benefited me greatly. I can now rest well at night; whereas formerly I could not sleep even under the influence of strong opiates. I can now recommend the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to anyone suffering from nervous trouble of any kind."

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BRITISH COMMANDER IN THE LYS VALLEY



GENERAL PLUMER.

URUGUAY, FRANCE AND BRITAIN SIGN TREATIES

MONTEVIDEO, April 18.—Treaties providing for compulsory arbitration between Uruguay and France and Great Britain were signed today.

SIR DAVID HENDERSON OBJECTS TO GEN. SYKES

Resigns From Air Council Because of New Chief.

LONDON, April 18.—In the House of Commons today it was announced by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, that Sir David Henderson, vice-president of the air council, had resigned, following the resignation of Major-General Trenchard, the chief of the air staff, on the ground that he would be unable to work with the new air staff chief, Gen. F. H. Sykes.

KILLED IN ACTION.

SARNIA, April 18.—Pte. Thomas N. Knowles, aged 27, who enlisted in 1915 with the Canadian Dragoons, was killed in action, March 20, his father, John Knowles, a prominent local shoe merchant, was notified today. He went to France in November, 1916. Prior to joining the colors he was employed with the Money Biscuit Company at Stratford.

FIRST STEPS TOWARD ORGANIZING CHATHAM NAVAL LEAGUE TAKEN

Arrangements Made for Mass Meeting to Advertise Project.

CHATHAM, April 18.—Rev. S. Boal, who is organizing branches of the Naval League of Canada, is in the city, and arrangements have been made for a big mass meeting on Sunday evening in the Griffin Theatre, which Manager McArthur has donated for the occasion. While a local organization is just in the making, Rev. Mr. Boal reports that he is meeting with a most favorable reception.

Although over 150 acres of land have been prepared for cultivation under the war garden plan, in addition to a large number of plots at the homes of individuals, there is a shortage of lots, and the city council is being asked to make use of recent legislation and commandeer for war garden purposes another 50 acres.

Some matters important to the Methodist Church were discussed today at a meeting of the London Conference executive, which was held in the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church. President Hale was in the chair. Rev. Mr. Donaldson, first vice-president, gave an interesting address, which was followed by a report on the work of the Junior League department of the program, and was assisted by Miss Jackson of Windsor, and Miss Thompson of Cedar Springs. Mr. B. Watson of Moorehouse of Forest and Mr. Watson of London were the speakers.

City of Rheims Is Nothing But Piles Of Smoking Ruins

Over 100,000 Shells Fired On It—Firemen Work Heroically.

Paris, April 19.—Rheims, which has been on fire for a week, is now nothing but a great pile of smoking ruins. During the last week the Germans have fired more than 100,000 shells into the heart of the city, according to the correspondent of Le Matin, and flames from the buildings can be seen by aviators 60 and 70 miles away.

There are no traces of streets and thoroughfares which have disappeared from view under the accumulation of debris. Ancient buildings in the Place Royale and the Market Place and the Muséum House, which dates from the sixteenth century, have been reduced to dust and ashes.

The vaulting of the famous Rheims Cathedral, the correspondent says, is falling stone by stone, and soon there will be nothing left of the edifice but the west front and the pillars. Shells are still bursting all around the building.

Notwithstanding the terrible bombardment, 40 Paris firemen, at a time when the city is working to save the furniture and portable effects of the inhabitants. Some of them have lost their lives. With the Paris firemen are some local firemen, one of whom, Sergt. Elol, has been on duty in Rheims since the outbreak of the war, and has been wounded fourteen times.

Rheims, before the war a city of more than 100,000 souls, has slowly but none the less surely been falling a victim to German hate and spitefulness.

In their first advance in the fall of 1914 the Germans held Rheims for several days, but the battle of the Marne stopped their advance and they fell back to a line a few miles north and northeast of the city. Since then the big German guns have been bombarding the city and its famous cathedral. The population of the city until a few months ago was less than 18,000, but these persons lived in dugouts or in cellars, and the city was virtually dead.

The cathedral was one of the most magnificent examples of early Gothic architecture, and was begun in 1212. The west facade has three portals which contain about 530 statues. Above the portals is the great rose window, 40 feet in diameter, and one of the finest specimens of the art of stained glass construction.

The German military authorities have attempted to destroy the cathedral on the ground that it was being used for military purposes by the French. This claim has been denied repeatedly by Archbishop Luçon, who up until a few weeks ago made his home in his residence beside the cathedral, unimpaired of the German hatred.

LARGE QUANTITY OF OIL IS STRUCK AT ROCKWOOD

QUÉBEC, April 18.—Considerable excitement prevails at Rockwood and vicinity, due to the fact that oil has been struck in two of the wells near Glencoe. So far over 200 barrels per day have been taken from the two wells. The yield is a rich one and preparations are being made to rush the sinking of eight more wells at once. There are indications of rich deposits of oil close to Rockwood, and now that the strike is out of the ground the drilling will be continued with renewed energy.

WILL ELECT TRIAL TODAY.

ST. THOMAS, April 18.—Alvin Karpis, charged with the slaying of a police officer, will be tried today before Judge Cullen on Friday, and elect a day for the hearing.

WILL UNVEIL TABLET.

INGERSOLL, April 18.—On Sunday afternoon the unveiling of a tablet and monument to the memory of Major Edward Cuthbert Norworthy, who fell in the battle of Langemark, will take place at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery under Masonic auspices. The grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, W. H. Wardrop, will be one of the speakers.

DEATH OF ROBERT JELLY.

ST. THOMAS, April 18.—Ex-Councilman Robert T. Jelly, aged 71, a resident of this county for 50 years, died today. He came to Canada from Ireland in 1868. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Fergus Earmshaw of Saskatoon, survive. Henry of Port Stanley is a brother, and Miss Jane Jelly and Mrs. W. Martin of Toronto are sisters.

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OAK HALL

Tired Nervous Mothers Should Profit by the Experience of These Two Women

Buffalo, N. Y.—"I am the mother of four children, and for nearly three years I suffered from a female trouble with pains in my back and side, and a general weakness. I had professional attendance most of that time but did not seem to get well. As a last resort I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which I had seen advertised in the newspapers, and in two weeks noticed a marked improvement. I continued its use and am now free from pain and able to do all my household work."—Mrs. B. B. ZIELINSKA, 202 Wells Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Portland, Ind.—"I had a displacement and suffered so badly from it at times I could not be on my feet at all. I was all run down and so weak I could not do my housework, was nervous and could not lie down at night. I took treatments from a physician but they did not help me. My Aunt recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tried it and now I am strong and well again and do my own work and I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound the credit."—Mrs. J. JOSEPHINE KIMBLE, 935 West Race Street, Portland, Ind.

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AMERICANS CO-OPERATING IN BLOW BELOW SOMME?

NEW YORK, April 18.—Americans now attacking, Gaston Liebert, French consul-general for the eastern states, declared in an address here today before 250 Red Cross workers from all parts of the State of New York. A brokers' cable from London this afternoon, said American troops were co-operating with the French in a new thrust launched in the Amiens sector.

BAD BLAZE AT RIDGETOWN.

RIDGETOWN, April 18.—Fire which may have started from a gas heater caused a loss of \$4,000 early today in the Church of Christ. The fire got into the partitions, and was difficult to fight. There is \$3,000 insurance on the building.

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NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL CO. FACES STRIKE

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., April 18.—A general strike has been declared at the plant of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. About 5,000 men will be affected. The company has refused to recognize the union, but is willing to deal with a committee of its own workmen and discuss matters respecting wages or employment. This the men would not accept, and a general strike was declared by the Federation of Labor at 8 o'clock last night. The miners of the larger companies have not come out, although it is reported that they have agreed to strike in sympathy if coal is supplied to the companies.

GERMANY SHIFTS BLAME FOR RELIEF SHIPS' LOSS

AMSTERDAM, April 18.—An official telegram received here today from Berlin, referring to the recent sinking of the Belgian relief ships *Ministère de Suet de Naeyer* and *Ministère de Suet de Naeyer* by mines in the "free channel" in the North Sea, says that the Germans have not laid mines in the "free channel," and that the mines there must be enemy mines.

NOT BRITISH MINES.

LONDON, April 18.—Referring to the German official statement regarding the sinking of Belgian relief ships by mines in the "free channel," the British admiralty today denied that the British ever laid mines in the "free channel."

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