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CANADIANS HELD GROUND AND GAINED TRENCH AT ST. ELOI

Floods and Turks Again Hold Up the British Advance in Mesopotamia

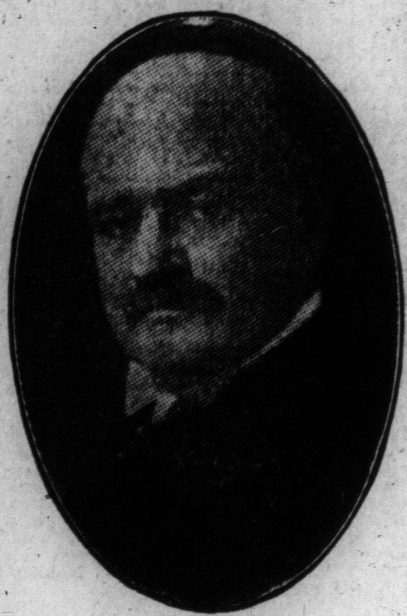
BRITISH TROOPS RECAPTURED LOST TRENCH ON YPRES-LANGEMARCK ROAD

BERLIN DECIDES TO STAND TOWARD UNITED STATES

Kaiser's Advisers Lost No Time in Making Up Their Minds. MAY BE A SURRENDER

BERLIN, April 23.—Via Copenhagen to London, April 24 1.55 a.m.—The Imperial chancery, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, returned to Berlin this afternoon, which would seem to justify the assumption that the empire's responsible leaders at great headquarters, have finished consideration of the American note and reached a decision concerning Germany's reply.

DIED SUDDENLY



COL. A. D. DAVIDSON of the firm of Davidson & McRae who died suddenly on Saturday night in Rochester, Minnesota.

SUDDEN DEATH OF COL. DAVIDSON C.N.R. OFFICIAL

Had Wide Business Interests in Railroads and Land Colonization. BORN AT GLENCOE

Col. Andrew Duncan Davidson, lands commissioner of the Canadian Northern Railway for the past 12 years, died of internal troubles in the Rochester, Minn. Hospital, late Saturday night.

HUNS PLAY WILY GAME ON FRONTIER OF GREECE

Regiment of Which King Constantine is Honorary Colonel Stationed There.

FRENCH AIRMAN BOMBS BULGARIAN CAPITAL

Retaliatory Visit Paid to Foe for Attacking Greek Village.

BIG FOE FORCE EMPLOYED FOR VERDUN FIGHT

Thirty German Divisions Used in Two Months' Battle.

ENEMY BEATEN AGAIN

Two Successive Attacks Were Broken Up on Mort Homme Lines.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, April 23.—It was announced by the French General Staff tonight that 30 divisions (or well over 600,000 rifles) have appeared before Verdun between February 21, when the battle began, and April 22.

THREE ONTARIO BATTALIONS IN ST. ELOI SALENT FIGHT

REPAIRED BROKEN WIRES UNDER FOE'S HEAVY FIRE

Military Medal Awarded Sgt. W. S. Lawson of the Eleventh Battery—Gunner Who Aided Mortally Wounded.

OTTAWA, April 23.—A cable from a Canadian official eye-witness says: "Sgt. W. S. Lawson of the 11th Battery, C.F.A., has been awarded the military medal.

Twenty-first, Nineteenth and Eighteenth Withstood Terrific Bombardment and Held Positions Amid Mud and Water—Many Fine Instances of Individual Heroism.

OTTAWA, April 23.—Desperate fighting on the St. Eloi salient participated in by three Ontario battalions, the 21st Eastern, 19th Central and 18th Western, occurred during the week, April 11-18. The Canadian representative at the front told in his weekly communique of battles under unprecedented circumstances, in which the Canadians held their ground and in addition occupied a portion of an enemy trench.

TURKS SAVED FROM DEFEAT BY HEAVY FLOODS ON TIGRIS

Owing to Condition of Ground, British Could Not Hold Gains in Attack on Sannaiyat Position.

LONDON, April 23, 6 p.m.—Further reports by the British to advance on the Tigris towards Kut-el-Amara have been futile, the failure of an attack this morning on the Turkish lines at Sannaiyat, being attributed in an official statement issued this afternoon largely to flood conditions, which necessitated an advance over a contracted front.

TRENCH LOST TO FOES RECAPTURED BY BRITISH

Successful Night Raid Carried Out Against German Lines.

SOME PRISONERS TAKEN

Foe's Dugouts Bombed and Casualties Inflicted on Enemy.

THOUSAND LIVES WERE LOST WHEN A CHINESE SHIP SANK

Steamer Came into Collision With Chinese Cruiser During Thick Fog—Only Twenty-nine Were Rescued.

SHANGHAI, April 23.—Over a thousand soldiers and men of the crew of the steamer Hsin Yu were lost when the steamer sank after a collision with the cruiser Hai-Yun Saturday evening south of the Chusan Islands.

MET WITH ACCIDENT ON WAY TO TORONTO

Lieut.-Col. George W. Bruce, commanding officer of the 181st Overseas Battalion, of Brandon, Man., while traveling from Brandon to Toronto met with an accident at Chapeau, Ont., that resulted in the death of his wife.

DINEEN'S FUR STORAGE

Send your winter furs to storage early. They will be of no further service this season.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

POLITICAL factors, as an outcome of the war, are still threatening disruption to the British Cabinet, for Lloyd George, it is said, has declared that he will resign his portfolio of munitions minister if old friends continue their censure.

U.S. WOULD NOT FEEL WAR'S REAL STRAIN

Exposure of Merchant Ships to Attack Would Be Greatest Danger.

Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, April 23.—Henry Clews, the veteran banker and financier, says: "We are possibly now on the verge of war with Germany, a catastrophe that only Germany can prevent."

GERMANY WILL REFUSE IS BELIEF IN AUSTRIA

"Dignity and Rights" to Be Upheld in Reply to U.S.

LONDON, April 23, 8.25 p.m.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says: "According to a Vienna despatch, the Austrian newspapers consider that President Wilson's note creates a serious crisis between the United States and Germany."

STRONG TURK POSITION CARRIED BY RUSSIANS

Czar's Army Makes Progress in Ashkala Region in Hard Fighting.

LAND MEN NEAR PORT

Advance From Trebizond Continued—Foe Claims of Victory Discredited.

TEN GERMAN PLANES BOMBED OSEL ISLAND

Berlin Asserts Attack on Russian Air Station at Papenhelm Succeeded.

BERLIN, via London, April 23, 9.59 p.m.—The following official communication was issued today: "Ten German aeroplanes on Saturday attacked the Russian air station at Papenhelm, on Osel Island, in the Gulf of Riga, and dropped forty-five bombs. Very good effects were observed."

A Petropodol official statement, issued last night, merely says: "Enemy aeroplanes flew over Dvinsk region."

ITALIANS MAKE GAINS IN UPPER CORDEVOLE

Trenches on Carso Also Taken by Austrians in Big Fight.

MUCH BOOTY CAPTURED

Fierce Enemy Attack Repulsed in Sugana Valley.

SKOULOUDIS GIVES \$1,000,000.

ATHENS, via Paris, April 23.—Premier Skouloudis, who is a man of wealth, has given \$1,000,000 to the state, this being roughly the sum due the families of the mobilized troops, and unpaid on account of an empty treasury.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. ROME, April 23.—The Italians, it was reported Saturday, continued their advance in the upper Cordevole valley, and they took about 40 Austrians prisoners and captured a machine gun on the further side of Cima Lana. They checked by their fire a heavy attack of the Austrians in the Sugana valley and then counter-attacked and repulsed them.

Capture of nearly 400 yards of Austrian trenches on the Carso plateau, east of Selz, was effected yesterday by Italian infantry. This drew a strong force of Austrians out to attack the Italians. At first the Austrians regained part of this position, but they were promptly repulsed in a hand-to-hand struggle. They lost 125 men taken prisoner, as well as two machine guns, 200 rifles, several flame projectors, and many cases of bombs and ammunition.