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STRUGGLE TO BE RENEWED

Heavy German Reinforcements Sent to Region East of Amiens, Where Tremendous Effort Will Be Made to Break Thru; But Franco-British Troops Are Prepared and Already Have Repulsed First Attempts to Take City.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE IN SHIP YARD

Lack of Water Pressure Hampered Work of Firemen.

NARROW ESCAPES

Some Had to Run and Leave Hose Which Was Burned.

Fire, said to have originated thru defective wiring, did damage to the extent of $300,000 to the sheds and slips of the Thor Iron Works, foot of Bathurst street, last night. The alarm was rung in by an employe at 5.52. Owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread it was found necessary to ring in a general alarm at 6.10 and a second at 6.14. The fire is said to have broken out in the pipe room in the northwest section of the firm's yard, and owing to the high wind from the northwest and the lack of water pressure, the flames soon made short work of the entire series of buildings, the flames jumping from one to the other.

Freighter Slightly Damaged.

Completed on the ways and only waiting for the ice to clear, a big steel freighter, painted and ready for rigging, was saved. The boat is 260 feet long and is intended for ocean service under Canadian register. A few of the plates on the stern of the vessel were slightly scorched, but withstood the intense heat without warping. Altogether, the firm had nine boats under construction for Canadian register; none of them was touched by the fire.

Working in between two buildings, some of the firemen had a narrow escape from being cut off when the flames closed in on them. The men were forced to drop their hose and run for their lives. Two lines of hose were destroyed by the flames before they could be pulled out of the blaze.

Water is Scarce.

There are only a few hydrants on the waterfront and all are attached to a six-inch main; the pressure from so small a main was insufficient to cope with the rapidly spreading flames. A line was then run to the foot of Bathurst street over the railway tracks and an engine coupled to the hydrant with three lines of hose. After a few minutes the main was pumped dry. One of the heavy motor pump trucks was then rushed over the swampy ground and backed up over the hubs into a break in the shore ice. Here a heavy suction pipe was placed and a good stream of water was forthcoming.

According to the chief, had an adequate supply of water been available immediately after the arrival of the fire engines the fire could have been put out in short time. Lines of hose had to be laid from the foot of Bathurst street and from the foot of Spadina avenue.

Start to Rebuild.

One of the officials of the Thor Iron Works, when spoken to last night, stated that he was sure the employes who were around at the time could have put the flames out had there been some way of getting an ample supply of water.

The firm employs six hundred men, none of whom will be thrown out of work as the concern intend to carry on as usual. They will start to rebuild at once.

"There will be, of course, a delay of one or two months on the vessels we have under construction," said an official of the company. He also stated that the firm's greatest loss would be the invaluable patterns and plans that were destroyed when the pattern shop was burned.

The blaze was very spectacular, thousands of people crowding the water front to witness the flames leaping from one shed to another. The police had no trouble whatever with the crowds, however, as the layout of the yards prevented them from getting too near the blaze.

BIG GERMAN GUN BURST.

Long Range Weapon Bombarding Paris Explodes, Killing Five of Crew.

Paris, April 2.—One of the German long range guns bombarding Paris burst, according to prisoners captured on the French front, five of the gun crew being killed. This announcement was made officially tonight.

ENEMY FORCE BEATEN ON LEFT BANK OF OISE

French Engage Enemy in Artillery Duel From Montdidier to Lassigny.

Paris, April 2.—The war office announcement tonight says: "The day was marked by quite spirited artillery fighting, particularly between Montdidier and Lassigny. Our batteries caught under their fire enemy concentrations east of Cantigny. A strong German reconnaissance attacked by our troops on the left bank of the Oise, southwest of Servais, was repulsed.

"In the Woevre and upper Alsace enemy attacks were without result."

Lloyd Carter's Body Found In Parkdale Railway Yards

Lying beside the tracks mangled beyond recognition, the body of Lloyd Carter, aged 18, of 54 First avenue, was found in the Grand Trunk Railway yards, Parkdale station, last night. Carter was employed as a driver by the Canadian Transfer Company, and it is thought that he was hit by a passing train while crossing the tracks. The body was removed to the morgue, where it is likely an inquest will be held.

BRITISH LOCAL DRIVES TO IMPROVE POSITION

Slight Advances Made at Hangard and Near Hebuterne—Counter-Attacks Repelled.

MORE OF ENEMY LOSSES

Some German Divisions Sustained Seventy Per Cent. Casualties in Prolonged Attack.

With the British Army in France, April 2.—The British yesterday improved their position by an attack south of Hangard, and later repulsed two German counter-attacks which essayed to restore the situation.

South of Hebuterne the British conducted a successful local attack and repulsed a counter-assault.

According to prisoners, the 208th German Division, since the beginning of the offensive, has suffered losses of 70 per cent. The 20th Division lost fifty per cent. The 88th Division lost 30 per cent the first day and 40 per cent. in an attack on Mezieres March 29.

In the first division the average strength of the companies was reduced to 40 men by March 28. The Gards Ersatz division suffered 25 per cent. loss between March 21 and 28.

The fifth division had fifty per cent. casualties at Ham and additional heavy losses in crossing the Somme. In an attack north of the Scarpe River one regiment of the 26th division lost 24 officers.

ARMIES TO RESUME FIGHT AT ANY TIME

British Wait for Next Move Along Extended Battle-Front in France.

With the British Army in France, April 2.—The British armies were waiting today for the next move along the extended battle front. Possibly the enemy was also waiting for the British to show their hand, but the probabilities are that the Germans were not quite ready to begin the struggle anew in the north.

In any event the infantry on both sides were resting on their arms in most places up to noon of Tuesday. Even below the Somme, where there had been such bitter fighting, there was a lull, altho from the French sector to the south came reports that the enemy was continuing to pound the allied lines with all the strength that could be mustered.

Notwithstanding the inactivity along the British line, no one doubted that the storm would break anew with great violence, and further activity is expected at any hour. Meantime, the delay is working out to the advantage of the allies, who are rapidly perfecting their plans to meet the next onslaught.

QUEBEC WAS QUIET; MILITARY ACTIVE IN MAKING ARRESTS

Large Forces Were Stationed Around the Scene of Last Night's Rioting.

STREETS DESERTED

Men Arrested Will Be Tried by Civil Process and Not by Court-Martial.

Quebec, April 2.—With the arrival of a new battalion of troops from Toronto, which placed a more adequate force at the disposal of the authorities, the day and night passed without any attempt on the part of the disorderly to renew the rioting. Every alleyway around Jacques Cartier square had its knot of soldiers, several of them with machine guns.

A small gathering of young men and women was reported at ten o'clock on St. Claire street, leading from lower town to upper town. Detachments of men were sent to isolate them and to offset any attempt that might be made by them to reach upper town, the scene of the disturbance last Saturday. The gathering speedily dispersed when the soldiers put in an appearance. Reports were received of firing in lower town, also near Jacques Cartier square, but no signs of rioting were found when these sections were visited.

Ringleader Arrested.

The soldiers had the satisfaction tonight of seeing the arrest of a young man who has been apparently a ringleader in the rioting here, and who on Saturday night passed insulting remarks about them. He was arrested in the neighborhood of Jacques Cartier square, and sent to the citadel.

The street car service in the neighborhood of the square was reduced, while no vehicular traffic was permitted. As there were fewer people on the streets to deal with than last night the military decided to change the distribution of the men. They were spread out so as not to present such good marks.

The soldiers began to pick up suspects at 8.15 o'clock. These men were taken to the basement of the Merger Building, which was used as a sort of field headquarters and emergency dressing station, where they were examined.

The evening wore on without a sign of disturbances. Rooftops in the vicinity of Jacques Cartier square, where the shooting originated last night, were carefully examined, but the snipers were not in evidence, and the streets grew more and more deserted.

Large forces of military were stationed at nightfall in the area in St. Roch's and St. Sauveuer, where the shooting took place last night. The fog which hampered the soldiers last night passed away today, and the evening was clear and bright. Early in the evening it was apparent that the people had decided to heed the warning issued by the military authorities to keep off the streets, because St. Joseph street, which last night was jammed with curious men, was virtually deserted. What few men were about were carefully searched by the soldiers for concealed arms and told to go home.

Not by Court-martial.

As a result of a conference held today between Major-General Lessard and the provincial authorities here, the attorney-general instructed Arthur Lachance, K.C., and Arthur Fitzpatrick, K.C., crown prosecutors, to act against the parties rounded up by the militia last night, and against whom a complaint was made by a military officer this morning.

Mr. Alleyn Taschereau, K.C., appeared for the militia department.

All the accused appeared before Judge Langelier, and most of them were liberated on giving their word that they would appear before Judge Langelier in the court of sessions at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Eleven of the prisoners were detained and will likely be brought before the courts for further investigation. Each party will be tried before the civil courts, not by court-martial.

Wounded Number Fifteen.

This morning doctors residing in the vicinity of the rioting last night reported to the police fifteen cases of wounding. They were all people hit on the streets by snipers or bullets fired by soldiers in return. It was stated by the authorities that probably a number of wounded people were treated privately at home as they were not anxious to let the military know that they were present at an illegal gathering and thus run the chance of arrest.

BOLO PASHA MUST DIE FOR COMMITTING TREASON

Paris, April 2.—The court of cassation today rejected the appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by court-martial for treason. The court also rejected the appeal of Darius Porchere, an accountant, who was tried with Bolo Pasha and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

The appeals were based on the argument that French military justice was incompetent in the case of a Frenchman committing a crime in a neutral country.

The appeals of Bolo Pasha and Porchere were denied on March 12 by the court of revision.

Kaiser's General Staff Combs Germany to Find Reserves

Washington, April 2.—The German general staff has combed Germany to find reserves for the present drive, information from the front shows. The physical standard has been almost abandoned, judging by prisoners taken, and the intelligence of the new men called to the colors is of a low order frequently. Compared to these recruits, the units sent in to fill up depleted British or French brigades are seasoned and selected troops, according to the British officers.

SEVEN HUNDRED MEN TAKEN IN PALESTINE

British Troops Carry Out Successful Raiding Operations and Destroy Important Bridges.

London, April 2.—An official statement issued today at the war office regarding British operations in Palestine says:

"During March 30 our raiding operations east of the Jordan, directed against the Hedjaz railway, were successfully accomplished, and our troops commenced their retirement toward Es-Salt. Several miles of the railway track, with culverts and an important bridge, were effectively demolished.

"The enemy offered stubborn resistance in prepared positions in and about the Village of Amman, in which direction our attack was not pressed, and a small Turkish force which attacked our rear guard April 1 was easily repulsed.

"In the course of operations east of the Jordan between March 25 and April 1, seven hundred prisoners were taken by us, and also four guns, several machine guns, and a number of motor lorries.

"West of the Jordan encounters have taken place east of the Tel Keram-Ramleh railway, in the vicinity of Shunet, Nafukh and Khan El Haramiyeh."

STRIKERS ORDERED BACK.

United States Government Adopts Firm Tone With Norfolk Carpenters.

Norfolk, Va., April 2.—After a union meeting tonight leaders of the striking carpenters at the government base of the Hampton roads district and the navy yard, announced that the men had been ordere dto return to work at once pending a decision by the government on the men's demands for an increase in the hourly pay of the various craft.

Toronto News in Brief

Damage amounting to $300,000 is done by fire at the Thor Iron Works, foot of Bathurst street.

The badly mangled body of Lloyd Carter is found in Parkdale railway yards.

Sir Robert Falconer addresses the Ontario Educational Association.

The first shipment of tractors for Ontario farmers is on its way here.

May 4 is decided upon as the date for the reception to the "original firsts" home on furlough.

No evidence is taken at the inquest into the murder of Vasl George pending further progress in police investigations.

J. Weeks, 211 Weston road, West Toronto, died after being crushed by machinery at the Campbell Milling Company's plant.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of a child found near Scarlett road brought in a verdict of murder against Beatrice and Morris Vessen.

James Bloor Dane, after whose mother, Catherine Bloor, Bloor street was named, dies, aged 62.

DESPERATE ATTEMPTS MADE TO OPEN A ROAD TO AMIENS

HEROIC GIRLS OF RED CROSS MADE FINE RECORD IN RETREAT

One Standing at Four Corners Directed Columns and Prevented Traffic Jam---Last to Leave Villages.

Paris, April 2.—Girls attached to one front line unit of the Red Cross made a fine record in the recent German offensive. At Roye they took over the direction of military traffic. One girl in grey uniform, standing at the four corners, directed columns of guns, cavalry, supply wagons and troops, thus preventing a traffic jam.

The unit had been located at Greycourt, a few miles back of the lines doing reconstruction and relief work, when the offensive began. They were the last women to leave several towns before the Germans entered and were on duty in half a dozen villages, widely separated, when word came of the German advance. They aided hundreds of refugees to the rail heads, and established a temporary kitchen in one town, feeding 250 British soldiers who had not eaten for hours.

War News In Tabloid Form

One of the German long-range guns bombarding Paris has burst, killing five of the crew.

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Reuter's correspondent at the front says that the British improved their position about the Hebuterne quarries, inflicting over 100 casualties on the enemy.

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The Associated Press reports that some German divisions lost 70 per cent. of their effectives in the offensive. One division had 50 per cent. losses before Ham.

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Particulars of the fighting at Grivesnes shows that the first German guard division received extremely rough handling by the French. The reserves of the allies are still virtually intact.

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British in Palestine fall back towards Es-Salt after completing their raid against the Hedjaz railway near Amman.

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It was quiet yesterday on the British front and only slightly active on the French front.

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The French repulsed a strong German reconnaissance on the left bank of the Oise.

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Spirited artillery fighting prevailed on the battlefront between Montdidier and Lassigny.

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Considerable numbers of Australians are now participating in the battle.

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British troops captured a German post near Serre on Tuesday.

BRITISH RECUPERATED BY LULL IN BATTLE

Germans Tie Up Reserve Divisions by Lengthening Front Thirty Miles.

London, April 2.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) — Telegraphing from British headquarters in France this evening Reuter's correspondent says:

"This has been the quietest day since the offensive began, excepting for the tireless activity of our airmen, who continue to harass the enemy along the front and miles to the rearward. It should be remembered that in consequence of the salient the enemy have extended their front about 30 miles and protection against counter-attacks means drawing largely on their reserves.

"The Australians are participating in the battle in considerable numbers.

"The quality of the reinforcements which have arrived from England is highly praised.

"The comparative rest of the last few days has recuperated our troops, who are ready for further eventualities. The most trying feature of sustained operations is want of sleep. Incidentally our airmen are curtailing to the utmost the slumber of the Huns."

DAY PASSES QUIETLY.

No Serious Fighting Reported From French or British.

London, April 2.—The war office, in its announcement this evening, says:

"The day passed quietly on the British front. There was no serious fighting on the French front."

MARTIN RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Begins His Third Term With a Majority of Over Seven Thousand.

Montreal, April 2.—Mayor Mederic Martin was re-elected today in the municipal elections for Montreal over Joseph Ainey, member of the now defunct board of control, by a majority of 7270. The total vote was: Martin, 42,857; Ainey, 35,587.

This will be Mayor Martin's third term as chief magistrate of Montreal. His opponent, Mr. Ainey, like himself, is a French-Canadian, and has been a controller eight years, having been regarded as the representative of labor on the board of control.

With the incoming city council will be a commission, named by Sir Lomer Gouin's government, instead of the board of control.

Among the new aldermen is Hon. Chas. Marcil, ex-Speaker of the house of commons, who was elected today as representative of Notre Dame de Grace Ward.

One of the surprises was the election of J. A. Brodeur over L. A. Lapointe, M.P., in St. James' Ward, by a majority of one. Brodeur's vote was 1616, and Lapointe's 1615.

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Creelman was elected alderman for St. Andrew's Ward, and Major H. Leroy Shaw was elected for St. George's.

Aldermen elected: Notre Dame de Grace, Hon. Charles Marcil; St. Andrew's, Lt.-Col. J. J. Creelman; St. James', J. A. Brodeur; St. George's, Major H. Leroy Shaw; Mercier, Levie Tremblay, ex-Mayor of Maisonneuve, now Mercier Ward; Hochelaga, A. A. Desroches; St. Ann's, T. O'Connell; St. Louis', L. Jacobs; Ahuntsic-Bordeaux, Ovila Pilion; Delorimier, J. E. Sansregret; St. Denis', Victor Carmel.

There are twenty aldermen in the new council, nine of whom were elected by acclamation. These are: St. Joseph, W. J. Hushion; St. Lawrence, Louis Rubenstein; St. Gabriel, J. Elie; Lafontaine, E. Dubeau; Laurier, N. Turcot; St. Jean Baptiste, G. Vandelac; St. Henry, J. H. Bedard; Papineau, J. A. Lamarre; St. Mary, A. H. Denis.

CABINET DISCUSSES QUEBEC SITUATION

Result of Conference Will Be Laid Before Unionist Caucus Today.

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, April 2.—A special meeting of the cabinet is being held tonight to consider the Quebec situation and proposed amendments to the Military Service Act. The result of the conference will be laid before a caucus of Union government supporters which is being called for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

APRIL SHOWERS.

A raincoat is very handy. This is the month of showers—be prepared. Dineen's have on display a large shipment of English rainproof coats for men:
Gabardines.
Tweed mixtures.
Plain tweeds.
Plain or belted coats from $9.00 to $25.00.
Military trench coat, $35.00.
Ask to see the new reversible raincoat for motoring, cycling and aviators. Price $45.00. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Germans Fail, However, to Gain Ground and Lose Important Town to British Troops in Addition to Suffering Severe Beating at Grivesnes.

With the French Army in France, April 2.—The Germans continued their desperate efforts today to open a road toward Amiens, their objective since the starting of the battle, but they made little, if any, progress. In fact, the entente allied troops were enabled to recapture the Town of Hangard-en-Santerre. Most of the enemy forces were hurled during the course of the day on the British, the French lines on the left being more or less quiet.

The first German guard division yesterday suffered a most severe beating at Grivesnes. At 11.20 o'clock in the morning the guards attacked with the greatest fury, and after hours of the closest fighting they succeeded in getting a footing in the village. Two hours later the guards were ejected pell-mell by a magnificent counter-attack at the point of the bayonet.

This was not the end, however. The Germans came back again, time after time, preceded by a heavy artillery barrage.

In the grounds of the Grivesnes castle the Frenchmen went to meet them and fought them back with bayonets and rifle butts, making them retreat in disorder under a grilling fire from automatic rifles mounted on armored motor cars.

Once more this morning the guards, not satisfied with their defeat yesterday, returned to the assault, but the attack was in vain and the enemy had to seek shelter in his positions, leaving the French the masters of the situation.

Enemy Had Advantage.

In their great race to attain the communications connecting the north and south at Amiens the Germans had the advantage of knowing exactly where they were going, and when the British and French troops retired before the immense volume of German troops the enemy was again favorably placed for rushing reinforcements from one end of the line to another, owing to the fact that he occupied the inner line of a semi-circle in which the battle was being fought.

In the first few days of fighting the Germans naturally were able to pick up many groups of prisoners which had become isolated from the main bodies during the receding movement, but recently their haul of captives has been comparatively small.

Remarkable Transport.

The French did remarkable feats in connection with the transport of troops when called upon to support their British allies in holding the southern part of the line in the first stage of the battle. One army corps came from a long distance to be thrown immediately into the fighting as the men debarked from motor lorries with their packs. This same corps now has been in the fighting lines ten days without relief, and has requested permission to remain there, altho it has borne a great part in barring the route towards Paris thru the valley of the Oise. Other French corps have entered the struggle since, but none has earned a greater amount of praise than this first reinforcement.

The reserves of the entente allies still are virtually intact.

Alsatian Contingents Give German Staff Much Trouble

Washington, April 2.—A despatch from Paris says that the Alsatian contingents, three-quarters of which had been until now used on the eastern front and are now in France, appear to give great concern to the Germans, according to secret instructions found on prisoners. It is forbidden to use Alsatians and Lorrainers in the first line and in patrol duty.

British Carry Out Enterprise In Neighborhood of Serre

London, April 2.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France tonight says: "Except for minor enterprises which we carried out in the neighborhood of Serre, and as a result of which we captured a German post, the day passed more quietly on the whole battle front."

ELECTED COMMODORE.

Major Lockett, One of 91 Members in Khaki, Honored by Kingston Y. C.

Kingston, April 2.—Major L. C. Lockett, home from service overseas, was elected commodore of the Kingston Yacht Club. The club has 91 members serving at the front, four having made the supreme sacrifice.