

# GERMANS MAKING THEIR LAST DESPERATE STAND

## BRITISH GAIN GROUND IN FIERCEST FIGHTING OF THE ENTIRE WAR

Repel Teutons on Wide Front South of Bapaume Road and Reach St. Quentin Canal at One Point — Villages of Beaucamp and Villers Plouish Captured

London, April 24.—The British army has gained on the wide front last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. They reached the St. Quentin Canal at one point. Farther north, the villages of Beaucamp and Villers Plouish were captured.

The positions gained on the French front yesterday, says the official statement today, were maintained and further progress was made east of Honchy and near Roux.

More than 1,500 prisoners were taken in yesterday's operations and many more are coming in.

**German Desperate.**

London, April 24.—Reuter's correspondent telegraphing from the British headquarters in France today says: "The fighting now proceeding is the fiercest seen in this war. The Germans have thrown in large reserves and have brought up a great number of fresh guns."

"They probably realize that the battle now developing may assume a decisive character and are resisting desperately."

"The German army is only to be defeated and broken by hard fighting and the recent movement of the enemy justified some doubt as to whether they would stand further hard fighting. They certainly are doing it now and accepting battle in the open. So far we have gained a good deal and have lost nothing."

British Headquarters in France, April 24, via London.—(From a staff

## FRENCH MISSION ARRIVE SAFELY IN AMERICA

Minister of Justice Viviani Heads Delegation — Marshal Joffre Another Prominent Member

Washington, April 24.—The department of state announces the safe arrival of the French commission in America.

At the head of the mission is Rene Viviani, minister of justice and vice-president of the council of ministers, who embodies the highest type of French democracy. He is a progressive in every sense, belonging to the independent socialist party. Other members of the party are: Marshal Joseph Jacques Casaire Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French armies until last December, now military advisor of the government; Vice-Admiral P. L. A. Chocheprat, dean of French admirals, and an expert on submarine problems; Marquis Pierre De Chamberun, member of the chamber of deputies and a student of international affairs; M. Simon, inspector of finances; H. Hovelacque, inspector-general of public instruction, and Surgeon Major Dreyfus.

## STORM DAMAGE IN QUEENS.

Residents of Queens county who were in the city brought word that the electrical storm on Saturday evening had caused some damage in that county. The barns of Wallace Lyon of Armstrong's Corner and MacDonaid Bros. of Welford were struck by the lightning, but no loss of life resulted.

In the region of Hurtebise in the Foulon valley, and near Cronne. We were able to make progress and improve our positions on the plateau of the Chemin-des-Dames and near Juvincourt we captured a German post.

"Two German surprise attacks north east of Rheims were repulsed. We took prisoners."

"In the Champagne there was grenade fighting, during which we took prisoners. We directed with success a bombardment against the enemy lines of communication. Near Eparges, one of our reconnoitering parties penetrated the German lines and brought back prisoners after destroying several shelters. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

## ACID IN STOMACH SOURS THE FOOD

Says Excess of Hydrochloric Acid is Cause of Indigestion.

A well known authority states that stomach trouble and indigestion is nearly always due to acid stomach—acid stomach—and not, as most folks believe, from a lack of digestive juices. He states that an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach retards digestion and starts food fermentation, then our meals sour like garbage in a can, forming acrid fluids and gases which inflame the stomach like a toy balloon. We then get that heavy, lumpy feeling in the chest, we eructate sour food, belch gas, or have heartburn, flatulence, waterbrash, or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead, get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast while it is effervescing, and furthermore, to continue this for one week. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

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## Major Magee's Promotion.

The London Gazette (official) early in April, in a list of commissions granted, appointments made, etc. had the following:

"Can. Art.—Maj. F. C. Magee, D. S. O., to be act. Lt.-Col. while commanding C. H. A. group."

It has been known for some time that promotion was coming to Lt.-Col. Magee, but this is the first official announcement of the fact. Lt.-Col. Magee has returned from England to the firing line.

## EX-DEPUTY ARMSTRONG IS FREED

Grand Jury at Woodstock Returns No Bill in Celebrated Abduction Case

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, April 24.—The circuit court, Judge Barry presiding, is in session. The grand jury in the case of the crown against William Armstrong, late deputy sheriff, for his connection with the River De Chute abduction case, in which the Camerons and Bishops figured brought in no bill. In the case against the Shannons for theft, the grand jury brought in a true bill and the trial commences tomorrow morning.

Great interest was excited in the Armstrong case. It will be remembered that the deputy sheriff accompanied Claude Cameron, who undertook successfully to take his daughter away from young Bishop to whom she had been married a short time. The deputy sheriff claimed that he merely went with Cameron to see that peace was kept. A guilt for kidnapping was charged against Mr. Armstrong and the police magistrate sent him up for trial.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT BOYS' CLUB

The members of the Boys' Club enjoyed an exceptionally good entertainment last evening. A group of young ladies, Miss Alice Murdoch, Miss Doris Barbour, Miss Jennie Robinson, Miss Chearis, with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKendrick and Miss Marion McKendrick, entertained the boys with ice cream and cake. Miss Barbour played and the boys sang choruses and there were also solos by Dr. Leonard, Mrs. W. C. Good told a very interesting story about a little boy, and A. M. Belding followed with another story, but the real treat of the evening was a description by Rev. Mr. Fleming of a three months' trip with Eskimos over the ice in Baffin Land. He described the dog sled, the equipment, the experiences and hardships of their

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club. Two members of the Boys' Club who were in attendance a little over a year ago have been mentioned in the last week's casualty list.

Franklyn Farnum Not "A Dead U'n."

Franklyn Farnum wishes it distinctly understood that he has not "shuffled off this mortal coil." A Los Angeles newspaper announced the other day that Farnum had died and had been buried from an undertaking establishment in Hollywood.

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**The Call To Arms For Home Defence**

To provide adequately for home defence and release, as reinforcements for the victors of Vimy Ridge, the Overseas units held here, men are still needed.

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More men are required for reinforcements at the front. Those who desire to volunteer for Overseas Service may enlist through one of the regiments ordered to mobilize for Home Defence.

Military District No. 6,—Headquarters, Halifax, N. S.

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