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HAIG WIDENS GREAT STRIKE AT GERMAN CAPITAL

BRITISH GO AHEAD DESPITE STIFFENED DEFENCE OF FOE

GERMAN'S BITTER ATTACK WAS BROKE BY BAYONET AND FIRE AND DRIVEN TO FULL ROUT

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
With the British Armies Afraid, April 16—British troops fought their way forward in the outskirts of St. Quentin and Lens today. Just north of St. Quentin they took the village of Troisvillage. Around three sides of Lens they were fiercely fighting against German defenders, and slowly encircling the coal city. The Germans fought desperately, while in the town itself they strove frantically to remove guns and supplies.

Again early today Germans threw two more strong attacks at British positions at Monchy-le-Preaux. Both failed. The British artillery, concentrated in a devastating fire, slaughtered the massed attacking forces of the Teutons.

British Field Headquarters, April 16.—The British apparently would like to take Lens without inflicting to it to great damage from extensive bombardment. They have always been in a position to reduce the city to ruins, but the shells have been directed against selected spots known to be used for military purposes by the Germans. Nevertheless the Germans continue their work of destroying the city by blowing up buildings.

A Bitter Attack.
Further details of the fighting yesterday show the desperate character of several German attacks on the new British positions. The attack which was essayed from both sides of Quent and temporarily pierced the British line at Lagnicourt was exceptionally bitter. It began at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning and continued for three hours without interruption. British advanced posts were driven in, but the support units joined the issue with the Germans.

Hand to Hand.
Many hand-to-hand encounters followed. There was also more actually aimed rifle shooting than for many months. During this time the Germans fell in dumps. They attempted to seek cover behind bushes and in small thickets. The British fired into these with good results. When the reserves came up at last the Germans broke into full flight.

RADICAL SOCIALISTS OF RUSSIA WORKING FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Held Conference With Germans at Stockholm.

GOT PROMISE OF SUPPORT

English Flatly Refused To Have Anything To Do With Peace Movement.

Stockholm, April 15.—Via London, April 16.—Recent reports concerning a meeting of Russian and German Socialists in Stockholm to further agitation for peace now appear to have been anticipated. Such a meeting, however, may be held in the near future.

The fact that Russian peace agitators have been permitted to cross Germany from Switzerland, seems also to indicate that the German Government at least does not desire to throw any obstacles in the way of such a movement.

In Sealed Coach.
The party which left Friday included 30 Russians, who came through Germany in a sealed coach. Among the principal members of the party were Nikolai Lenin, the Russian Radical-Socialist leader, and Zinovief, another Radical-Socialist leader. Both are members of their party's central committee and both are editors of party newspapers in Geneva, as well as being prominent figures in the Zimmerwald Congress. Another member of the group was Nestor Zhukovskiy, one of the founders of the party in the Caucasus and the man who brought M. Tschekidze, the Russian labor leader, into the party.

While in Stockholm, the Russians issued a statement in which they declared and accused it of trying to "destroy one of the Russian revolution's results—political autonomy," and of refusing to admit Russian revolutionists abroad, who oppose war, to return to Russia. The statement reviewed the negotiations with Germany for permission to cross that country and declared that the Germans had refused their agreement. It was disclosed in the statement that the Russians while in Switzerland had been in communication with French Socialists and German Radical Socialists.

Head Peace Movement.
The visitors were met at the Stockholm station by Mayor Lindhagen, and some of the Swedish Radical Socialists, with whom they held a conference during the day. Information concerning the conference was denied.

The Dagbladet Nyheter, however, declares that it learns that Lenin, under the trip to head an anti-war peace movement, and he and his friends already have won the promise of support from the German Radicals for a congress in Stockholm. Some French Socialists also approved of the plan, but the Dagbladet Nyheter says that M. Lenin plans to visit Stockholm from Petrograd within a fortnight at the head of a Russian peace deputation. It is said to want universal peace if it is obtainable, but if the western powers, particularly England, reject the idea, he will endeavor to secure a separate peace between Russia and Germany. The Russian party is now on its way to Petrograd.

GEN. MICHAEL ALEXIEF TO COMMAND RUSSIANS
PETROGRAD, via London, April 16.—Gen. Michael V. Alexieff has been definitely appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian army. He was appointed acting commander-in-chief a few weeks ago.

CLARION CALL TO AMERICAN PEOPLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Appeals For Unity and Efficiency in Great War.

TO KEEP WORLD FREE

Biggest Task To Supply Food For Themselves and the Allies.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—President Wilson, in the proclamation addressed to his fellow-countrymen last night, said:

"We are rapidly putting our navy upon an effective war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these are the simplest parts of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves. There is not a single selfish element so far as I can see, in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world. To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage, and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself."

"These, then, are the things we must do, and do well, besides fighting the things without which we are fighting would be fruitless."

Must Supply Food.
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The president urged efficiency on farms, in shipyards, in mines and in factories, saying that those employed in these industries were serving the country and conducting the fight for "peace and freedom" just as truly as the men in the trenches.

To the farmers he said: "Without abundant food alike for the armies of the world and for the people at home, our enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fail."

"The time is short," continued the president.

BRAZIL MAY SEND 200,000 SOLDIERS TO THE WESTERN FRONT

THREE RUSSIAN GENERALS ARE PLACED UNDER ARREST

Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, Sunday, April 15, via London, April 16.—Gen. Alexi Kuropatkin, governor-general of Turkestan, his assistant, Gen. Yerooff and Gen. Wilko, chief of staff, have been arrested by the Council of Soldiers' Delegates.

Gen. Buroff, commanding the 1st Siberian Brigade, and Gen. Tsoumilin, commanding the local brigade, also have been placed under arrest and confined to a guardroom. The officers are charged with distributing arms to Russian soldiers in the event of an attack. This action has been held to be a provocative character.

LONDON FIRM SUFFERS BY ST. JOHN, N. B., BLAZE

St. John, N. B., April 16.—Early Sunday morning fire in the Sands Building, Prince William street, destroyed a building valued at \$250,000 to the building at \$100,000 to the tenants. These included Crompton & Sheehan, Limited, wholesale typewriter, John Labatt, Limited, Knobel, Typewriter Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and C. Campbell & Co. Crompton & Sheehan were the heaviest losers. All are insured.

RUSSIAN GUNS TURN BACK TEUTONS CARRYING FLAGS

Petrograd, via London, April 16.—On various parts of the Russian front yesterday, says today's official Russian statement, groups of Teuton soldiers, carrying flags, attempted to approach the Russian positions. On coming under the Russian fire the troops fled back to their trenches. Russian soldiers yesterday blew up a bridge crossing the River Styx, 15 miles northwest of Brody.

SUNK OUTSIDE ZONE.
Christiania, Norway, April 15.—Via London, April 16.—Scamers saved from the torpedoed Danish ships Nany and Danish steamer Nancy, of 1,511 tons gross, built in 1888, owned in Esbjerg, is in the shipping records. There are no recent records of the movement of either of these vessels.

THE SAKO was a Danish steamer of 711 tons gross, built in 1907, and owned in Copenhagen. There is no Danish vessel named Nany listed, but the Danish steamer Nancy, of 1,511 tons gross, built in 1888, owned in Esbjerg, is in the shipping records. There are no recent records of the movement of either of these vessels.

AN important area of high pressure covers the Great Lakes and Manitoba, while in the Southwest States there is a widespread low area which may move northward.

The weather is fair throughout the Dominion, with a slight tendency towards higher temperature.

German Concrete-and-Steel Shelter For Machine Gun Crew



This official photograph of the recent British advance on the western front indicates why German machine guns are hard to silence. The scene is the remains of an enemy trench in Gommecourt, which was first attacked last July and fell only last month. High explosive shells have made the trench uninhabitable but the bastion remained until British occupation.

French Have Launched Great New Offensive

London, April 16.—6:25 p.m.—"News of the opening of the great French offensive has spread like wildfire through the British forces," telegraphs Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters in France today.

London, April 16.—The fighting on the western front has assumed almost the proportions of a general engagement along the whole line, from the North Sea to the Swiss border. As yet the infantry has not been heavily engaged north to the north of Loos, in the Lens region, or east of the Somme region, within which confines the battle of Arras and the struggle for St. Quentin and the trenches.

The artillery duel, however, is growing in intensity in the region of Rheims, in the Champagne, and down the line to Lorraine and Alsace. Raising operations by the French army, which also have assumed great importance and similar significant activities are being carried on by the Belgians north of the present great battlefield.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Theodore Roosevelt's plans for raising and accompanying a volunteer expedition abroad were laid before the Senate military committee today by Chairman Chamberlain at a meeting called to consider the administration's army selective draft bill. Details of the plan were submitted by the colonel to the chairman of the Senate and House military committee in response to a request made when he was here recently to confer with the president.

While expressing hearty approval of the administration bill, Col. Roosevelt insisted that volunteers could be put on the firing line, and that the American flag should be there at the earliest possible moment.

Members of the committee gave careful study to the proposal, but they were not definite indication that action would be taken.

SPAIN ASKS RESPECT FOR LIVES OF ITS CITIZENS
Madrid, via Paris, April 16.—A semi-official note to the press declares "the false interpretation" given to the latest meeting of the cabinet, and says that the comments on the note in Germany are entirely contrary to the facts; that the Government has in no wise modified its policy, and that the new army asked for respect for the lives of Spaniards.

The note alludes to the German declaration that volunteers could be put on the firing line, and that the American flag should be there at the earliest possible moment.

MAJOR BRYDON KILLED.
Kenora, April 15.—Word has been received by Mr. John K. Brydon that his youngest son, Major Robert G. H. Brydon, aged 25, was killed in action, April 9. He enlisted as a private in 1914 and secured his commission as major three months ago.

ST. LAWRENCE CLEARING.
Quebec, April 16.—The ice from Lake St. Peter is moving down the river and navigation is expected to open up to Montreal within a day or so. Ships left Quebec today for Gulf ports.

WELCOME THE BOYS HOME!
Owing to a change in plans the 48 wounded and invalided soldiers expected to arrive Tuesday, will not come until Wednesday morning to 11:15 o'clock. As this is the largest party of returned men to return to the city at one time since the outbreak of the war, the Soldiers' Aid Commission requests that as many as possible be on hand at the C. P. R. depot to welcome the men home. There are fourteen Londoners in the party.

BRITISH CAPTURE STRONG DEFENSIVE WORKS NEAR ST. QUENTIN; DRAW CLOSER TO LENS; GEN. HAIG GETS VILLERET AND MUCH BOOTY

GENERAL STRIKE AT BERLIN CITY CAUSES RIOTING

Travelers Say Serious Industrial Turmoil Started This Morning.

London, April 16.—Travelers arriving in Holland from Germany, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency, say that a general strike was commenced this morning in Berlin and that riots have taken place in the German capital.

SUDDEN DEATH OF 2 WESTERN DOCTORS STARTS AN INQUIRY

Well-Known Physicians Victims of Poisoner.

Weyburn, Sask., April 16.—Two physicians, Dr. Hammill, of Assiniboia, and Dr. Stewart, recently of the 24th Battalion, died here within two hours of each other under circumstances which point strongly to poisoning. Local medical men were called to the Royal Hotel at noon on Saturday, when Dr. Hammill was found in a precarious condition. He lived only a short time afterwards. Two hours later, a similar call was made for Dr. Stewart and he also died suddenly.

Dr. Charles provincial bacteriologist, was brought down from Regina, and the body of Dr. Hammill had been embalmed, he could do nothing in his case. He, however, secured the stomach of Dr. Stewart and took to Regina for examination. Dr. Hammill, who was practicing at Assiniboia, was brought a patient into Weyburn Hospital last week. He was about 30 years old and leaves a widow. Dr. Stewart had been practicing at East End, and left there some time ago to join the 24th Battalion as medical officer, but a short time ago severed his connection with the battalion.

Supreme Officers of Royal Arcanum Confer On Crisis

Question of Making Receivership Permanent To Be Discussed.

Boston, April 16.—Supreme officers of the Royal Arcanum held a conference here today to discuss means of preventing a dissolution of the order, for which Thomas J. Boynton was appointed temporary receiver on Saturday. A hearing will be held in the federal court next Saturday on the question of making the receivership permanent.

James B. McKillop, county crown attorney, who is prominent in the Royal Arcanum, today received from Sir N. Arcanum, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum, the following telegram: "Appreciation for receiver without citation and certainly without justification. We will move promptly and effectively to have appointment vacated, being absolutely solvent with all claims promptly paid and have surplus of our millions. We have nothing to fear."

Mr. McKillop stated that the society had a present membership of 109,523 and since organization had paid out to beneficiaries \$189,000,750 and had a surplus now. The order was perfectly sound. About 250 members reside in London, and about 5,000 in all Canada.

LONDON PRESS APPLAUDS PRESIDENT WILSON'S APPEAL

London, April 16.—President Wilson's appeal to the American people is given great prominence in the evening newspapers, which print the proclamation textually.

"It goes straight to the heart of the great war problem," says the Westminster Gazette, "and will be read with great appreciation by the Allied nations." "No message addressed by their governments to any of the countries at war," adds the newspaper, "has better combined an appeal to the heart with shrewd, practical counsel and shown a keener eye to the fundamentals of the situation."

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVES REVENUES BILL

Washington, April 16.—The \$7,000,000,000 revenue bill which has passed the House was approved today by the Senate finance committee and will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow for passage.

GERMANS CLING DESPERATELY TO LENS UNTIL ENGINEERS DESTROY MINES AND FACTORIES—"THREE SAVAGES" POSITION NEAR ST. QUENTIN TAKEN—LARGE CAPTURES OF GUNS AND WAR MATERIAL MADE IN THE LENS REGION.

THE WAR SITUATION

London, April 16.—Although British patrols have been in the streets of Lens and General Haig's men are in the outskirts of St. Quentin, the fall of neither of these towns has as yet been officially announced.

The Germans, it is apparent, have sent in their reserves, and are making a desperate defence to enable their engineers to complete the destruction of the mines and factories of Lens, which might have been useful to the Allies.

Despite the fact that all along the line between Lens and St. Quentin the German resistance has stiffened, General Haig reports today the capture of Villeret, which straightens his line northwest of St. Quentin, and announces further progress to the northwest of Lens. Counterattacks which the Germans have launched at Monchy and Lagnicourt suggest that the British are approaching dangerously near the German line, which according to unofficial accounts, the Germans had not had time to complete before the British offensive was launched.

WIDENING THE GAP.
British Headquarters in France, April 16, via London, 1:47 p.m.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The British continue today gradually to widen the second gap cut in the Hindenburg line, north of St. Quentin, having captured the position known as "The Three Savages," east of Gricourt. St. Quentin continues to burn. Away to the north, Lens still holds out. The Germans have several strong positions about the city to which they still cling.

MUCH BOOTY TAKEN
London, April 16.—The British captured last night the village of Villeret, southeast of Hargicourt, according to an official statement issued by British war office. They also made progress northwest of Lens.

Large captures of guns and war material were made by the British at Lievin and on the Souchez River, in the Lens region, the statement announces. The cannon taken include a six-inch naval gun of long range. Truckloads of new tools, many thousand rounds of munitions and quantities of bombs, grenades and engineering equipment also were captured.

THE STATEMENT.
The text of the statement reads: "We captured last night the village of Villeret, southeast of Hargicourt and progressed northwest of Lens."

"Full particulars of the booty we took at Lievin and on the Souchez River are unavailable, but the fact is established that our captures were exceedingly large, including a long-range six-inch gun, many thousands of rounds of all kinds, in addition, truckloads of new tools, many lengths of train line with trucks complete, and two large engineering dumps have fallen intact into our possession."

Bavarians' Losses Heavy.
"The attack at Monchy-le-Preaux on the 14th was pressed by the enemy with great determination. The 3rd Bavarian Division, which was brought down to resist our offensive during the battle of Loos in 1915 and later on took part in the fighting near Highwood during the Somme battle in 1916, was again hurried down to reinforce the divisions already in line. It was ordered to retake Monchy-le-Preaux at all costs, and in this fruitless attack were exceptionally heavy, as has been the case with all recent operations. Of the prisoners taken by us since the 24th more than one-third are Bavarians."

SEVEN BILLIONS WAR REVENUE BILL PASSES THE AMERICAN HOUSE

Only Socialist in Congress Votes "Present."

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Without a dissenting voice, the House amid plaudits of members and the galleries, late last night passed the seven billion war revenue authorization measure. One member, Representative London of New York, the only Socialist in Congress, voted "present."

Owing to general pairs and absences only 389 votes were recorded for the bill, but both Democratic Leader Kitchin and Republican Leader Mann announced that all of their members would have voted affirmatively if they had been present.

The bill authorizes \$5,000,000,000 in bonds, of which \$3,000,000,000 will be loaned to Entente countries, and the issuance of treasury certificates for \$2,000,000,000 ultimately to be met by increased taxation.

RETURNED SOLDIERS STILL ROUNDING UP THE ALIENS

Toronto, April 15.—Organized visitations to downtown restaurants by returned soldiers with a view of rounding up unregistered alien enemies were continued last night, but there was no disorder, although crowds gathered in the expectation of some excitement.

The night's bag consisted of one Australian who had not reported for some months, and was held by the police and two Greeks, who were released. As a result of a conference held last night between a number of the returned men and Provost-Marshal Sinclair, it was decided to arrange a meeting with civic officials and a committee of war veterans, to be held to get a complete registration system of returned men showing their capabilities and to obtain the co-operation of employers.