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On British Front Germans Make Progress in Hamel Direction.

SMALL GAIN ON FRENCH

Slight Advance in Angle Between Luce and Avre Rivers.

French forces, says a statement issu: taken as yet. ed by the British war office this even-ing. On the British front the enemy record of the German high command

"South of the Somme the enemy launched heavy attacks early this morning on the British and French progress in the direction of . Hamel and Vaire Wood. On the remainder of the British front all attacks were beaten back with considerable loss.

The fighting still continues. "On the French front, immediately on our right, the enemy gamed ground

# TWELVE AIRPLANES

Despite Bad Weather British Aircraft
Make Several Exploring

London, April 4.-The official statement on aviation issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Wednesday was again unfavorable our airplanes from making several flights to reconnoitre the battle front the post, quickly followed. and attack ground targets with bombs and machine guns. One fight occurred during a clear interval between two very large formations of our own and enemy machines. Otherwise hostile aircraft were not very active. "Nine German machines were shot down, three were driven down out of control and one hostile balloon was destroyed. Five of our airplanes are

### **BIG BATTLE PROCEEDS** FOR LOCAL OBJECTIVES

Eighteen-mile Front Under Fire-Brilliantly Successful for Allies.

Paris, April 4.-After a short Easter recess the deputies came to the chamber today in large numbers, more interested in the military situation than in the discussion of bills. The recrudescence of artillery duels mention- French shelling of their shelters about ed in the latest official statements, Laon. and confirmed earlier in the day by Eduard Ignace, under secretary of military justice and pension, was considered as the preface to another great near Hamel on the south bank of the

Toward the end of the afternoor further details reached the chamber. M. Ignace told the members that the battle had been raging on an 18-mile on an 18-mile front, and is being brilfront between Grivesnes and Hangard liantly successful for the allies. and that eleven German divisions had been repulsed by the French. M. Ignace added that the importance of the action ought not to be exaggerated, for the a brilliantly successful engagement, it was local in character.

### Plans to Aid Production

Are Formulated in Ottawa Ottawa, Ont., April 4 .-- At a meeting of leading citizens called by Mayor Fisher in the city hall here tonight local plans to aid greater farm pro-

addition to the wages paid by far-

# **GREATEST EFFORT NOW IS EXPECTED**

Only First Phase of Gigantic Battle Has Been Passed.

LONG, BITTER STRUGGLE the estimates of the

Fight May Last Longer Than at Verdun.

WASHINGTON, April 4—Renewal of the German assaults against of the German assaults against the British and French lines in Picardy today indicated to military observers here that the Germans, having gathered strength in the lull of the past few days, might now be ready to launch their greatest effort. Some officers think the allied com-ONDON, April 4.—South of the River Somme the Germans launched heavy attacks early launched heavy attacks early manders realize that only the first River Somme the German counts for the fact that no extensive country morning on the British and morning on the British and counter movement has been undertaken as yet.

made progress in the direction of argues against any possibility that it Hamel and the Bois de Vaire. would be content with the mirror On the French front, immediately on the right of the British, the Germans, according to the statement, gained ground in the angle between the Rivers Luce and Avre. The text of the statement reads:

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"Would be content with the minor strategic advantages already gained by the costly enterprise, or with the minor strategic advantages already gained by the costly enterprise, or with the minor strategic advantages already gained by the costly enterprise, or with the abandonment of its plans without further attention and British armies. The battle of Verdun continued for months before the Germans admitted that their objective was unattainable. was unattainable. Preparations for the present drive were so much greater and the object sought of so much more importance that officers here are confident the German general staff knew it was entering on a long, bitter struggle when the assault was

> More Men For France. Again today signs pointed to a great

increase in troop movements to France. Additional British shipping is known in the angle between the Rivers Luce to have been made available, and the and Avre." war department will take full advantage of all tonnage in sight. A new interpretaton was placed to day on the appointment of General DOWNED IN FIGHTING Foch as supreme commander of all allied forces in France. The plan for a generalissimo, it was stated, had been approved long ago by he supreme war council, but it was not regarded as urgent that the appoint-

ment should be made at once. When the German drive was jaunched, however, and its main objective quickly shown to be the point where the British and French lines binge, the for flying, but this did not prevent need for a centralized command beof General Foch, already selected for

# War News

Italian aviators have bombarded Austrian railways in the Lagarina Valley. French cling to Grivesnes and make progress from it in a counter-attack.

Germans renew their offensive with heavy attacks south of the Somme as far as the River Avre. Italians report that their patrols have

been active and the artillery on both sides has fought desultory actions. Germans state that they have bombarded Rheims in retaliation for the

British right and centre hold firm, but the left flank gives a little ground

A French minister reports that the battle is proceeding for local objectives

French sustain powerful assaults by eleven German divisions on the ninemile front from Grivesnes to the Roye-Amiens road. Germans gain only a few hundred yards of ground, but capture

LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS. British Premier Paid Visit to The Front with Clemenceau of

the Villages of Mailly, Raineval and

duction were discussed and a strong committee was appointed to act in George returned to London this morn-London, April 4. - Premier Lloyd connection with the labor bureau of the Gntario Government. Many of the ing from a visit to the front, says an speakers favored conscription of labor, official announcement tonight. The the government to pay soldiers' wages British prime minister accompanied M. overnment to pay soldiers' wages dition to the wages paid by far-Voluntary helpers from Ottawa corresponded for the farmers in which the freich marshing and Gentustic least the state of the farmers in the state of the st orals Petain, Foch, Pershing and Blass. mission

# O'CONNOR RESIGNS

Ottawa, April 4.-The resignation of W. F. O'Connor, K.C., as commission- Daring Day and Night Reconer of the high cost of living occasioned considerable comment, and will be brought before the house the first time

Preparations Show That sacrificed \$2,000a year and redquish-

Vigorous Bombardment Pre ceded Raid Against Sector on the Meuse Heights.

April 4.- American forces are now occupying a sector on the Meuse heights, south of Verdun-This announcement was released with a statement that the enemy raided one of the American listening

posts in this sector following a heavy combardment. The raid was made against one of the few positions in this region, where it is feasible, because of the terrain, to conduct operations without heavy loss to the attacking forces. The enemy first vigorously bombarded the American first line and communication trenches zigzaging up the hillside, and then sent over a raiding my establishments."

party, which swarmed about the listening post. further progress of the enemy was halted by a strong fire from the American first and second lines, and, as a consequence, the enemy can hardly claim success.

## TORRENTIAL RAINS FALL

With the British Army in France. April 4 .- The German offensive continued to mark time last night, and up to 10 o'clock this morning no move of importance had been

It rained in torrents during the night and today the sky is still heavily overcast. It is the kind of weather which renders the shell-torn fields of the Somme region most difficult to work over, and for this reason the British are not displeased at the change.

Mechanics from the American air squadron have been serving in considerable numbers at various British airdromes during the present battle, Institute are not to be proceeded with at and their help has been exceedingly valuable in the time when the British airmen have been waging such in-

### NATIONALIST DEFEATS SINN FEIN NOMINEE

London, April 4 .- T. J. S. Harrison, Nationalist, has been elected to parliament for East Tyrone, defeating Milroy, Sinn Feiner. The vote was

The election was called to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. Wm. A. Redmond to contest the seat that had been held by his father the late John Redmond, for Waterford. Capt. Redmond won this seat in an election held last month.

### Aeronaut Uses Parachute To Jump From Airplane

San Antonio, Texas, April 4.-Rodman San Antonio, Texas, April 4.—Rodman Law, balloonist and aeronaut, now attached to the Flith Aero Squadron, tod y jumped from an airplane at a height of 2500 feet, and, with the aid of a parachute, landed safely. He was taken up in the plane by Edward Stinson, an instructor at Kelly field. Law is making a series of experiments to demonstrate the feasibility of jumping from an airplane. He is a brother of Ruth Law, and Edward Stinson is a brother of Katherine Stinson.

### SHACKLETON AT PANAMA.

Panama, April 4.-Lieutenant Sir

naissances Carried Out by Patrols.

the estimates of the 1 department come under review.

Mr. O'Conmor by his resignation sacrificed \$2,000a year and reliquishes a work for which he is admirably fitted, and in which he has achieved remarkable success. The resignation was not requested by the government.

Mr. O'Connor declined to discuss the matter further than to say that the resignation was voluntary, and that he did not feel he had been given a sufficiently free hand in carrying on his work.

MERICAN POSITION

(By W. A. (illison.)

Canadian Headquarters in France, April 4.—For forty mignites last night our light and heavy guns poured shells into the enemy front communication lines, assembly areas, etc., but no hostile attack developed. The situation continues quiet along the Viny-Arras front. Numerous daring day and night reconnaissances have been carried out by our patrols, with repeated clashes with hostile parties.

The host-le artillery activity has been slightly above normal, with their fire directed particularly against our positions on the ridge and before Lievin, where the enemy carried out a ten minutes concentrated gas shoot yesterday afternoon. The deadly effects of our own gas projector bombardments of last week and a fortnight ago are confirmed by captured prisoners.

Through the force there is an thus.

Thruout the force there is enthus-iastic appreciation of the splendid work of the Canadian motor machine gunners, cavalry and other detached units, who have done so gallantly in the great battles to the south.

### GERMANS STILL SHELL

Strong German Patrols Suffer With the American Army in France.

Paris, April 4.—Belgian communica-tion—"The enemy continued shelling plying. The activity of both articleries for publication tonight simultaneous- was less intense along the whole front. Strong German patrols, attempting to surprise our advanced posts near St. Georges and east of Merckem, were epulsed.
"Eastern Theatre, April 3. — There

Dollan, west of the Vardar, in the Cerna Bend and north of Monastir. In the Skumbi Valley a Bulgarian attack was repulsed with losses, the Bulgarians leaving prisoners in our hands. Allied aviators carried out successfully numerous bombardments against ene-

### Toronto

ing been in session from 10 o'clock yes-terday morning, the city council struck the Germans against the British and UPON BATTLE FRONT the dollar. The rate is made up as

Provincial tax ..... Schoe' tax ...... 7.20 mills Total ...... 30.50 mills The mayor's plan to issue treasury

notes for war expenditures up to \$2,500,000 was defeated by a vote of 14 to 10. The city council decides to limit salary

increases to those of \$1300 and under.

Additions to the Parkdale Collegiate to capture Amiens.

The board of education calls for a sta-

cent. reduction in the estimates of many of the civic departments.

bill recently introduced into the legislature by Dr. Forbes Godfrey. The Trades and Labor Council criticizes the city council for refusing to receive a deputation of workmen.

of sentry duty of those already there. Dr. Noble's motion that Miss Frieda Held be re-instated is again defeated at the meeting of the board of education

The city council accepts the amendments in the board of health estimates made by the board of control.

would assist in betting and wagering.

# AS COMMISSIONER HEAVY BOMBARDMENT TERRIFIC ATTACK IS MADE ON 9-MILE FRENCH FRONT

Hundred Thousand German Troops Thrown Into Fight Between Grivesnes and Amiens, But Storm of Fire From French Guns Prevents Advance Except in Small Sector.

tack today against the French along a front of nearly nine miles from Grivesnes to north of the

peated time after time, they succeeded in gaining only a small section of ground. The French retained Grivesnes, but the Germans occupied the Villages of Mailly, Raineval and Morisel.

The announcement by the war office tonight of this new offensive also says that, by a powerful counter- the neighboring heights of which we hold. attack, the French made progress between Montdidier and Lassigny.

The text of the statement reads: treme violence in the region north of Montdidier and

ARIS, April 4.—German troops numbering well, from Grivesnes to north of the road between Amiens over a hundred thousand, delivered a terrific at- and Roye, the Germans attacked with enormous forces, showing a firm determination to break thru our front: at any cost. Up to the present we have identified by prisoners eleven enemy divisions.

"Our troops with intrepid courage resisted the shock of the assailant masses, who were mowed down

"Despite their efforts, ten times repeated, the Germans succeeded, at the cost of sanguinary sacrifices, in gaining only a few hundred metres of terrain and occupying the Villages of Mailly, Raineval and Morisel,

"Grivesnes, which was attacked with particular violence, remained in the hands of our troops after having broken down all the assaults. By a powerful "The battle was resumed this morning with ex- counter-attack, the French made progress at this point. "Between Montdidier and Lassigny, there was BELGIAN REAR ROADS still continues. On a front of about 15 kilometres, great activity by the two artilleries."

# Bitter Fighting Resumed On Picardy Battlefront

Germans Have Succeeded in Bringing Up Heavier Cannon and New Divisions With Which to Continue Attempts to Capture Amiens.

Associated Press Summary of Events in the War Zone.

A FTER several days of comparative inactivity along the battle-front in Picardy, bitter fighting has been resumed along the western sector of the salient in the lines of the entente allies. Attacks by the entente forces against the Germans against the British and the tax rate for 1918 at 30.50 mills on French are admitted to have yielded some gains to the invaders in the critical sectors just to the east of the City of Amiens.

The fighting, according to latest suce and Avre, farther to the south, the Germans to attack there.

of the battles in these sectors, but the fact that they have been in a degree successful would seem to inthe fact that they have been in a degree successful would seem to in-Sergt.-Major Charles Chambers of the ceeded in bringing up some of their heavier cannon and new divisions have been successful. The French have been successful. The French

Hard Work for Enemy. the beard of education calls for a statistical report on upper schools in the have been working under a severe handicap in bringing up gun, ammunition and supplies to the front. The battlefield over which the allies have the Austrians. Which would mean that the Germans ward the ratis-Aintells failload.

Nothing has been reported from plated I do not know. I imagine, however, that a quiet tip has gone out from Washington that the organization had better take advantage of

James T. Gunn criticizes the eugenic

Two hundred and fifty infantrymen

George Sinclair, district fire chief, and thaig's report tonight from British on the south bank of the Somme. The fighting is continuing in this area. Abraham Taylor are presented with gold medals by the Toronto Humane Society. headquarters in France says: Mrs. A. C. Courtice gives notice that she will move to have the Held case repopened at the next meeting of the board of education.

"After heavy artillery preparation the enemy launched a strong attack this morning on the whole front between the Somme and Avre Rivers. On the distribution of the board of education."

"Early in the afternoon the enemy also attacked our line west of Albert and was completely repulsed.

"During the past few days there has

Two G. N. W. telegraph operators are summened to police court in connection with receiving news by telegraph that weight of the assault succeeded in would assist in betting and wagering.

Two G. N. W. telegraph operators are summened to police court in connection were repulsed, but on the left the weight of the assault succeeded in pressing back our troops for a short dismounted."

During the past lew days there has been heavy fighting south of the River Luce. A Canadian cavalry brigade greatly distinguished itself in many successful actions, both mounted and price \$45.00. Dineen's, 140 Yours street.

the heights southwest of Moreuil were repulsed with heavy losses. There are no reports of fighting except post encounters along the French lines on the Oise River.

The Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Newspayer comment, which may be considered as showing the trend of opinion in allied chancellories, is unanimous in rejecting the idea of peace under the There have been neavy artillery condition, and it is probable that they bombardments of British positions on forecast the replies which will be reports, has been heaviest in the the Menin road and at Passchendaele, enunciated by government spokesmen in allied countries.

British were forced back slightly, and ing to London. As yet, however, there is nothing to foreshadow an effort by where the French were forced to give fronting them are well fortified lines and high ground held by the British Nothing is known as to the details and it is improbable that a serious at-

On the French front before Rhe'ms and Verdun raiding operations have with which to continue their attempts to capture Amiens.

nave been successful report very heavy artillery engagements north of Montdidier, a sector Hard Work for Enemy. which has witnessed savage fighting Reports from the British and French and where the Germans have been fronts have mentioned heavy rains, folled in their efforts to advance to-which would mean that the Germans ward the Paris-Amiens railroad,

retreated was left in a devastated gathered an enormous army for a condition, the roads and bridges being possible drive southward into the ily. mined by the retreating forces. The plains of northern Italy.

lull in the battle for the past few days. Driven to take measures for the rewas probably caused by the inability defense, the Armenians have organ-of the Teutons to move their heavy ized an army and have recaptured supply trains over these roads, to- E zerum from the Turks as well as with the necessity of reorgan- other points in the neighbo hood of

izing the shattered divisions, which that city, bore the brunt of the fighting after The landing of German troops in

### leave for Quebec to shorten the hours of sentry duty of those already there. WINS GREAT DISTINCTION

Censure of the military authorities is conveyed in the verdict of the coroner's lury investigating the death of Pte. R. C. Gillies.

Haig's Report Refers to Canadians in Many Successful Actions, Both Mounted and Dismounted.

> ondon, April 4.-Field Marshal distance in the neighborhood of Hamel "Early in the afternoon the enemy "During the past few days there has

rejecting the idea of peace under the

### German-American Alliance Will Disband Next Thursday

New York, April 4 .-- Announcement that the national German-American alliance will disband at a special meeting in Philadelphia on April 11 was made here tonight by Weismann of this city, who until recently was active in the affairs of the

"I received advices to this effect from the management of the organ-ization," said Mr. Weismann, "but. just why the dissolution is conteman opportunity to dissolve voluntar-

### Russian Warships Blown Up To Avoid Capture by Enemy

Petrograd, April 4.—Several Russian warships, including four submarines, in the harbor of Hango, were blown up by their com who feared capture by the Germans. The mayor of Sukhum-Kale reports that the Black Sea fleet torpedo-boats are bombarding and looting towns along the coast.

### APRIL SHOWERS.



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