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## GERMAN OFFENSIVE RESUMED

### Powerful Attacks Launched Against French and British Fronts by Fifty Per Cent. More Men Than in First Drive—French Lose Three Villages, But Retain Grivesnes, While British Line Holds Firm Except Near Hamel—New Attempt Aims at Breaking Thru Allies at Amiens

#### HEAVY ATTACKS ARE CONTINUED BY THE ENEMY

#### On British Front Germans Make Progress in Hamel Direction.

#### SMALL GAIN ON FRENCH

#### Slight Advance in Angle Between Luce and Avre Rivers.

LONDON, April 4.—South of the River Somme the Germans launched heavy attacks early this morning on the British and French forces, says a statement issued by the British war office this evening. On the British front the enemy made progress in the direction of Hamel and the Bois de Vaire.

On the French front, immediately on the right of the British, the enemy advanced in the direction of the Rivers Luce and Avre. The text of the statement reads: "North of the Somme there is no change."

#### TWELVE AIRPLANES DOWNED IN FIGHTING

#### Despite Bad Weather British Aircraft Make Several Exploring Flights.

London, April 4.—The official statement on aviation issued by the war office tonight reads: "Wednesday was again unfavorable for flying, but this did not prevent our airplanes from making several flights to reconnoitre the battle front and attack ground targets with bombs and machine guns. One flight occurred during a clear interval between two very large formations of our own and enemy machines. Otherwise hostile aircraft were not very active."

#### War News

French yield some ground in the angle between the Luce and Avre Rivers.

#### 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 re-enslaving of artillery duels mentioned in the latest official statements, and confirmed earlier in the day by Edward Ignace, under secretary of military justice and pension, was considered as the preface to another great battle.

#### 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 production were discussed and a strong committee was appointed to act in connection with the labor bureau of the Ontario Government. Many of the speakers favored conscription of labor. The government to pay soldiers' wages in addition to the wages paid by farmers. Voluntary helpers from Ottawa will be organized for the farmers in the vicinity of the city.

#### GREATEST EFFORT NOW IS EXPECTED

#### Only First Phase of Gigantic Battle Has Been Passed.

#### LONG, BITTER STRUGGLE

#### Preparations Show That Fight May Last Longer Than at Verdun.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Renewal of the German assaults against the British and French lines this morning 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 commanders realize that only the first phase of the gigantic battle has passed, and that this probably accounts for the fact that no extensive counter movement has been undertaken as yet.

#### AMERICAN POSITION STORMED BY ENEMY

#### Vigorous Bombardment Preceded Raid Against Sector on the Meuse Heights.

With the American Army in France, April 4.—American forces are now occupying a sector on the Meuse heights, south of Verdun.

#### TORRENTIAL RAINS FALL UPON BATTLE FRONT

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 reported.

#### NATIONALIST DEFEATS SINN FEIN NOMINEE

London, April 4.—T. J. S. Harrison, Nationalist, has been elected to parliament for East Tyrone, defeating Milroy, Sinn Fein. The vote was 1800 to 1219.

#### Aeronaut Uses Parachute To Jump From Airplane

San Antonio, Texas, April 4.—Rodman Law, balloonist and aeronaut, now attached to the Fifth Aero Squadron, today 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 in a series of experiments to demonstrate the feasibility of jumping from an airplane.

#### LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS

#### British Premier Paid Visit to the Front with Clemenceau of France.

London, April 4.—Premier Lloyd George returned to London this morning from a visit to the front, says an official announcement tonight. The British prime minister accompanied M. Clemenceau, the French premier. They visited Field Marshal Haig, and Generals Petain, Foch, Pershing and Bliss.

#### SHACKLETON AT PANAMA

Panama, April 4.—Lieutenant Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the explorer, arrived here today from Chile, where he has been engaged on a diplomatic mission.

#### HEAVY BOMBARDMENT BY THE CANADIANS

#### Daring Day and Night Reconnaissance Carried Out by Patrols.

(By W. A. Gillison.) Canadian Headquarters in France, April 4.—For forty minutes 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 Vimy-Arras front. Numerous daring day and night reconnaissances have been carried out by our patrols, with repeated clashes with hostile parties.

#### GERMANS STILL SHELL BELGIAN REAR ROADS

#### Strong German Patrols Suffer Reverses Near St. Georges and Merquemont.

Paris, April 4.—Belgian communications continued shelling our communications, our artillery replying. The activity of both armies was less intense along the whole front of the entire allies. Attacks by the enemy were repulsed with heavy losses. There are no reports of fighting except post-entrenchment operations near St. Georges and east of Merquemont, where there were reciprocal artillery actions near Dolian, west of the Vardar, in the Cerna Bend and north of Monastir, in the Skumbri Valley a Bulgarian attack was repulsed with losses, the Bulgarians leaving prisoners in our hands. The enemy has carried out successfully numerous bombardments against enemy establishments.

#### Toronto

At 2:15 o'clock this morning, after having been in session from 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the city council struck the tax rate for 1918 at 30.50 mills on the dollar. The rate is made up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type, Rate. Includes items like General tax, Sewerage tax, etc.

#### Hard Work for Enemy

Reports from the British and French fronts have mentioned heavy rains, which would mean that the Germans have been working under a severe handicap in bringing up guns, ammunition and supplies to the front. The battlefield over which the allies have retreated was left in a devastated condition, the roads and bridges being mined by the retreating forces. The lull in the battle for the past few days was probably caused by the inability of the Germans to move their heavy supply trains over these roads, together with the necessity of reorganizing the shattered divisions, which bore the brunt of the fighting after the rain.

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#### 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.

PARIS, April 4.—German troops numbering well over a hundred thousand, delivered a terrific attack today against the French along a front of nearly nine miles from Grivesnes to north of the Amiens-Roye road. They were met with a storm of fire from the French guns, and also the assaults were repeated time after time, they succeeded in gaining only a small section of ground. The French retained Grivesnes, but the Germans occupied the Villages of Mally, Raineval and Morisel.

#### 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.

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#### APRIL SHOWERS.

A raincoat is very handy. This is the month of showers—be prepared. Dineen's has 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 motor-cars, cycling and aviators. Price \$45.00. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

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