

GERMAN ARMY CAPTURES VILLERS-BRETONNEUX

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London, April 24.—Field Marshal Haig reports that the Germans have taken Villers-Bretonneux.

The capture of Villers marks another attempt to capture Amiens. Villers is eleven miles from that city. With the British Army in France, April 24.—By The Associated Press.—The first German attack along the whole British front south of the Somme river today was thrown back, but the Germans returned and pushed on towards Villers-Bretonneux. With three tanks leading, the Germans got a footing in the eastern fringe of the town, where the battle is still raging.

The Germans attacked along the southern line of Villers-Bretonneux, Hangard, Hailles and Castel Villers-Bretonneux was the storm centre. Accompanying the storming infantry were 3 tanks which at latest reports had battled forward into the eastern outskirts of the town.

Trouble has been brewing in the Somme sector for days, the enemy maintaining a bombardment of more or less intensity over a wide area. Throughout yesterday Villers-Bretonneux and surrounding places were heavily shelled and this morning the bombardment was greatly increased. On the northern battlefield the German artillery pounded the Entente Allied positions yesterday, especially in the Robecq and Merville sector, and this morning an intense bombardment was put down in the British positions on both sides of the River Lave. Thus a large section of the northern battle front was seething today.

ROBERTS MAY DOCTOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL

(Continued from page 1) Dr. Roberts stated he would not object to that and the section stands pending a formal amendment. Mr. Baxter said it was useless to proceed further with the bill until it was determined by whom the department should be administered as much turned on that decision.

Bill Held Up. The fact that the minister in charge would not receive a salary might not obviate the necessity of that minister going back to the people for re-election. If the duties of the department were to be attached to the office of the provincial secretary the necessity for going back to the people would not exist. He suggested that the department

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Lieut. W. R. Wynn has Braved Dangers in this Country and in Trenches. SURVIVOR PRINCESS PAT Has Also Been in Chicago Fire, San Francisco Earthquake and Halifax Explosion—Recruiting Office News.

Bangor, April 24.—Lieut. William Raymond Wynn, who enlisted at the Bangor navy recruiting office, and who gave his home address as Akron, Ohio, has had an adventurous life. When he was a youngster he was in the big Chicago fire. Later in 1906, he was visiting relatives at San Francisco when the big earthquake occurred. That was not enough excitement for Mr. Wynn so in 1915 he enlisted in the famous Princess Patricia's regiment and his regiment was practically wiped out in one of its famous charges, there being only 14 men left and 11 of these were wounded. Wynn was one of the lucky three who escaped without a wound. He was later promoted to a lieutenant. When America entered the war Lieut. Wynn applied for his discharge from the Canadian army on the grounds that he wanted to enter the American forces and he was accordingly discharged, landing in Halifax, N. S., the night before the great disaster. Again he was lucky as he escaped without a scratch. His sister was recently murdered by a wounded German prisoner she was feeding in one of the English detention camps, as she was attending to her duties as an English Red Cross nurse. Lieut. Wynn has been sent to the naval school at Pensacola, Florida, where he will train for the berth of Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

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Germans Gain Footing in the Eastern Outskirts of Village of Hangard-En-Santerre, but Repulsed Elsewhere. Paris, April 24.—The battle on the whole front south of the Somme and on the Avre lasted all day and still continued, according to the war office announcement tonight. The Germans gained a footing in the woods to the northward of Hangard-En-Santerre and also in the eastern outskirts of the village which the French are desperately defending. Several enemy assaults were shattered near Hailles, and attacks at Senecat Wood and Hill 82 also failed.

The statement says: "An intense bombardment of the Franco-American positions south of the Somme and on the Avre was continued tonight. The Germans carried out all along this front by considerable forces at five o'clock in the morning. The efforts of the enemy were directed against Hangard-En-Santerre, the region of Hailles and Senecat Wood.

WOODSTOCK SIGNAL CORPS MEMBER DEAD

Frank E. McLardy Joined Second Contingent—Death of John Bohorn. Special to The Standard. Woodstock, April 24.—Word has been received of the death in action of Frank E. McLardy, a Woodstock boy of the signal corps, second contingent. He is survived by a brother also in the service in France, and a sister, Miss Joan McLardy, trained nurse at the Providence, R. I. hospital. John Bohorn, who has been sick in the hospital for a week died this afternoon from pneumonia. He is survived by a widow.

DEVELOPING ALBERT OIL AND GAS FIELDS

Maritime Officials to Start Season's Drilling—Outlook is Promising. Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 24.—Maritime Oilfields Company has started the season's drilling programme in the gas and oil fields in Albert county. Their drilling crews will be put to work in the company's purpose to develop further the present known gas area, and also to Wildcat, new districts for further extension of the gas field. The company is very hopeful in regard to the future of this gas field and a further extensive gas pools, it is believed, will be developed as the result of more vigorous drilling operations this summer.

BOSTON FIRM FIGURES IN CARLETON CO. SUIT

Case Originated in Potato Transaction with Hatfield and Scott. Special to The Standard. Woodstock, April 24.—The case before the Circuit Court today is that of Chester F. Gibbons and Wm. H. Mahoney of Boston, doing business under the name of F. W. Gibbons & Co., vs. Hatfield & Scott for potatoes bought and undelivered, Hon. W. F. Jones, K. C., for the plaintiffs and Messrs. J. C. Hartley K. C. and M. L. Hayward for the defendants. The following witnesses were examined today for the plaintiffs, Harry Webb, Miss Laura Balmann, C. F. Gibbons, R. S. Teeling and W. R. Jones.

THE DRAFT IN Nfld.

St. John's, Nfld., April 23.—The legislature opened today. William Higgins of St. John's East was elected Speaker. The speech from the throne announced bills for enacting selective conscription, extending the life of parliament and raising a local loan for war purposes. The conscription measure is based in its main principles on the Canadian measure but renders all men from nineteen to forty, unmarried or childless widowers, liable for military service.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FARM MEN LOWER THAN "A"

They May be Able to Return to Land or a Time if Consent of Officer Commanding District is Obtained. Ottawa, April 24.—Efficient farm laborers in medical categories lower than category "A" may be granted temporary leave of absence from military service on the authority of the officer commanding the district. Orders issued by the militia department provide that: 1. Any member of the Canadian expeditionary force, in Canada, in category lower than "A" who can be temporarily spared from his military duties, may be granted leave of absence, without pay, on the authority of the officer commanding the district, on production of a certificate from the agricultural representative of the district, appointed by the department of agriculture at Ottawa, to the effect that the man concerned is an efficient farm laborer, whose services are urgently required on the land. 2. Such leave will be granted, in the first instance, until July 15th, and may be extended by the officer commanding the district, on or before that date, for a further three months, on production of a further certificate from the agricultural representative, to the effect that the man concerned has, during his first leave, been continuously engaged in agricultural work, and that his services are urgently needed therein. ("A" men are men judged to be medically fit for general service overseas. "B" men are regarded as physically fit for non-combatant service overseas. "C" men for non-combatant service at home.)

MASSACHUSETTS MAN HELD IN MONCTON FREE

George Arthur Jackson of Lynn was Dismissed Under Canadian Militia Service Act. Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 24.—George Arthur Jackson of Lynn, arrested on the Ocean Limited en route to Halifax last Saturday under the Military Service Act, today was given his full liberty by Dominion Inspector Rideout as a result of receiving from the young man's father, George H. Jackson, of Winnipeg, both a certificate and photo, etc., proving him an American citizen, and not subject to detention under the Canadian M. S. A. Jackson is twenty years of age and says he was going to Halifax to work. He was under police surveillance here until the arrival of documents proving his American citizenship.

CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN

Suits in Keeping with Business Standing. Spring Suits and Overcoats that accentuate the eager aggressive spirit of youth, and, on the other hand, add dignity and character to the man of mature years. Clothing that fits into every phase of life, social as well as business. 20th Century and other good makes ready tailored or tailored to your special measure. Suits and Overcoats in stock, \$15 to \$35. Gilmour's, 68 King St.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

April—Phases of the Moon. Last Quarter..... 4th 9h. 33m. a.m. New Moon..... 11th 0h. 34m. a.m. First Quarter..... 17th midnight Full Moon..... 26th 4h. 5m. a.m.

Date	Sum Rises	Sum Sets	M. Water a.m.	E. Water a.m.	L. Water a.m.	M. Water p.m.	E. Water p.m.	L. Water p.m.
25 Th	6:27	8:15	12:14	24:30	6:14	18:30		
26 Fr	6:35	7:18	12:51	24:30	6:48	19:03		
27 Sa	6:44	6:19	1:06	19:27	7:22	19:37		
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29 Mo	6:30	4:23	2:18	14:43	8:33	20:52		
30 Tu	6:19	3:23	2:56	15:23	9:12	21:35		

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh southwest and west winds; scattered showers but mostly fair and mild. 23.—Northern New England: Fair and somewhat cooler Wednesday and Thursday. Fresh southwest winds. Toronto, April 23.—The weather today has been fine and mild throughout the Dominion, except near Lake Superior, where it has been cool, with snow flurries.

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