

GERMANS WERE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Fierce Fighting Continues in the Vicinity of Avocourt--Huns Penetrated French Trenches at One Point But Were Repulsed--Bombardment of Rheims Still Continues.

Paris, April 9.—The French evacuated the Bethincourt salient Saturday night and the Germans today attacked with great violence, their new line from Avocourt to Cumieres, but were repulsed with sanguinary losses leaving hundreds of bodies on the ground. Only at one point, northeast of Avocourt, did the Germans succeed in entering the French trenches, and from this position they were immediately ejected.

The systematic bombardment of the city of Rheims was resumed three weeks ago, it is announced, and continues with increasing intensity. One thousand shells fell in the town on Friday. The prefect has sent away all the inmates of homes for the aged, and taken other measures to avoid further loss of life.

Tonight's official communication, in contrast to the Sunday German statement which says that there has been no change, says:

"In the Argonne our artillery concentrated its fire on the enemy's communications. Our heavy batteries during these operations shelled a sector in the neighborhood where important troop gatherings and columns of the march were observed in the region of Montfaucon and Nantillois. Near Hill 285 we exploded a mine which crumbled the enemy's trenches for quite a length, and destroyed a small post.

"To the west of the Meuse a violent battle, which lasted the entire day, was engaged on the whole of the front from Avocourt to Cumieres, and even spread to the eastern bank of the river.

"The premeditated evacuation of the Bethincourt salient, which was carried out last night, had enabled us to establish a continuous line beginning at the Avocourt corner and running along the southern bank of the Forges brook to the northeast of Haucourt. The whole line was violently attacked by the enemy, but withstood the fiercest onslaughts.

"On the front of Le Mort (Hommecumieres, the German attacking columns, which debouched in close formation from the Cumieres wood, were caught under the fire of our troops and repulsed, leaving behind hundreds of bodies on the ground.

"All attempts against Le Mort Homme were also repulsed with heavy losses.

"A simultaneous movement against our positions between Avocourt wood and the Forges brook met fierce resistance on the part of our troops. Finally the enemy succeeded momentarily in gaining a foothold in our trenches at the outskirts of the wood, but were at once thrown out through a counter attack.

"To the east of the Meuse, in the region of Douaumont-Vaux we kept in check by our curtain fires the attacks of enemy infantry."

Belgian communication: "There has been considerable artillery activity especially in the region of Dixmude, and some bomb fighting around Steenstraete."

Poetic Justice.

Petrograd, April 9, via London, April 10.—The torpedo boat destroyer Stroggi has rammed an enemy submarine near the spot where the hospital ship Portugal was sunk in the Black Sea, according to the official announcement tonight.

The German Way.

Berlin, April 8 (via London).—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamer Sussex.

Wait Until They Do.

Berlin, April 6 (by wireless to Sayville).—The Overseas News Agency today quotes the Neue Zürcher Zeitung as stating that it has reports from reliable sources that all the neutral countries will protest to Great Britain against the unlawful interpretation of the Declaration of London in connection with the intensification of the British blockade.

Killed Without Warning.

Malta, via London, April 9.—One engineer and eight lascars of the crew of the steamer Chantala were killed when the vessel was sunk by a submarine. Ninety-two survivors were rescued and landed here. They declare they had no warning of the impending attack.

The sinking of the Chantala, a vessel of 4,949 tons gross, which sailed from London March 10 for Calcutta, was reported yesterday in a despatch received by Lloyds at London.

MR. ONELINER

By Johnny Oneliner.

My Pa said to me what are

You gonna do when

You grow up? I s'pose you're going

To be a ballplayer, aren't you?

I am like nuts, I said I'm going to

be a

Regular guy like you and get to be a

Reporter and cover fires and murders

and wrecks.

Like Johnny Cadigan, I bet I would

make

A good one.

Just for that said pa I'll let you

write my

Stuff for tomorrow if

You want to. Just sit down

And beat it out.

Do you know how?

Do I know how? I said Sure I know

how

All you have to do is sit down and

fill the

Place full of smoke and read about

A hundred papers and say to ma,

"For

Heaven's sake, Jane, ain't you got

an idea for a

Oneliner?" and shut the

Doors and holler to Ma why don't

that

Child take that noise outside and

then

Swear at the typewriter

And finally after about an hour, you

Write it.

Don't you?

Well, said Pa, I'm not sure about all

the details, but

You seem to have the

Main Facts. Go to it

So I am. This is it.

The Oneliner I am going to write is

going to be

About Ma.

You see I had a

Fight with Reggie Shea

Who lives next door and we got all

mixed up.

I guess it was a draw, because

Nobody licked, but we both got our

Faces skun.

And I tore my coat. Ma

Was in when I got home and she give

me the Old Harry. She sent me up-

stairs

To bed without any supper.

I was just going upstairs when the

bell rung

And it was Misses Shea. She

Was awful mad and she commenced

to

Tell Ma what a bad boy I was.

She said about the same things

Ma had just said to me

But Ma lit into her and told her she

Was wrong and give her an awful gor-

in' over

She said Reggie Shea was an awful

kid,

Which he is, and then she called me

downstairs

And her face was red. Johnny, she

said, Go

Down to Ward's and get a quart of

oysters.

The freshest ones; we'll have oyster

stew for supper

Oh, gee, I like oyster stew better'n

anything

Now, I leave it to you

Ain't that a hot one?

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Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently:

In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Transcontinental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

TENDERS FOR CITY COAL.

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tenders for Coal" will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Fredericton, until and not later than noon on MONDAY NEXT, April 17th instant, for supplying best quality of screened bituminous soft coal, such coal to be delivered per ton of 2,000 pounds each as required during the next year, commencing May 1st next, and continuing one year thereafter. Each tender must state where coal supplied will be mined. Tenders will be considered for any or all items as follows:

- 1,000 tons of coal, or amount required for Water Pumping Station.
- 500 tons of coal, or amount required for Street Lighting Station.
- 100 tons of coal, or amount required for City Hall.

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By order, J. W. McCREADY, City Clerk.

City Hall, April 6, 1916.

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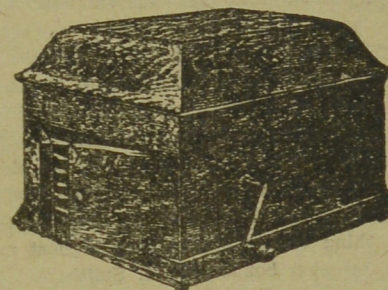
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