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HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES ON THE FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT

Great Struggle Continues On Franco-Belgian Front

Germans Are Attacking in Massed Formation And Are Suffering Terrible Losses---Absence of News From Austria is Regarded as Significant---Turks Tired of War.

The fourth day of the terrific struggle on the British front in France has opened with both sides still striving vainly for a decision. The Germans have resorted to the terribly costly tactics of massed attacks, and if they have succeeded temporarily in checking the British advance it has been done, according to spectators of the titanic conflict, at a staggering toll of human life. It would seem as if the revolutionary mutterings which were ominously swelling through Europe prior to the inception of the great battle were drowned in the thunders of the battlefield, but indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the lines.

The summary adjournment of the Reichstag, when its sittings had but barely opened, is given added significance by hints in the German press that the strike agitation in Germany may burst forth with renewed violence on May day, the great international Socialist holiday. A nationwide labor demonstration in Sweden is also planned for that day, and may also have its counterpart in Spain.

No news of any importance has come from Austria in several days, a fact which has given fresh vigor to the ever-recurrent reports of intentions or efforts on the part of the dual monarchy to seek a separate peace.

There is more definite tidings of the state of affairs in Turkey, the third member of Germany's imperial triumvirate. Returning travellers tell appalling stories of the devastation wrought by disease and starvation in the Ottoman empire. The Turkish people are sick at heart over the war and its entailed miseries, but are kept in subjection by the iron hand of Enver Bey and his German colleagues, but for how long is a matter of doubt.

Apart from France there are few developments of importance in the war theatres. The British continue to drive forward in Mesopotamia, but there is a curious silence in regard to the Russian armies in that region.

French Troops on Western Front Repulsed

Violent Counter Attacks by the Germans

PARIS, April 26.—Terrific fighting continued during the night on the front of the French offensive. The Germans renewed their counter-attacks on the high ground near the Chemin des Dames, but gained no success, the War Office reports. An attack in force east of Cerny was repulsed with heavy losses for the Germans. The statement follows:

"Intermittent artillery fighting occurred in various sectors. On the bank of the Oise a German reconnoitering party attempted to approach our trenches near Moy. It was repulsed easily.

"North of the Aisne the enemy renewed in vain his efforts to expel us from the plateau near the Chemin des Dames. After a violent bombardment yesterday evening two powerful attacks were made on the front about two kilometres west of Cerny. These assaults were broken before our lines with very losses for the enemy. Another effort in the region of Hurtebise farm was equally unsuccessful. In the region of Juvincourt our artillery caught enemy working parties under its fire and dispersed them."

German Newspapers Now Censored Before

Being Permitted to Leave the Country

COPENHAGEN, via London, April 26.—The protests of a Socialist representative in the Reichstag committee yesterday called attention for the first time to the fact that German newspapers must now submit to a preliminary censorship before being permitted to leave the country.

For some time the radical socialist newspapers have been markedly behind other publications in the time of their delivery here. The authorities have evidently resorted to this means to block the channel through which disagreeable news and discussions have reached foreign ears. At the same meeting the Reichstag committee, which was devoted to military questions, intimated that all was not satisfactory in the manufacture of explosives. Deputy Gothein demanded information as to the status of the production of explosives and criticized as inadequate a confidential report of the minister of war on the military situation in the west.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Maritime men are reported as follows.

Infantry.
 Wounded—Pte. F. Osborne, New Aberdeen, N. S.; J. D. Richards, Dartmouth, N. S.; T. Gill, Halifax; A. R. Brown, Carroll's Crossing, N. B.; S. D. McDonald, Stellarton, N. S.; H. L. Gibson, Halifax; J. E. Butler, Halifax; J. C. Doucet, Wrigmouth, N. S.; Sergt. E. Gallenfi St. John; L. Corp. G. R. McLay, Moor's Mills, N. B.; C. A. Hazlett, Nashwaakisis, N. B.; R. N. G. Trevors, Durham Bridge, N. B.; T. Moody Hughson, Burt's Corner, N. B.; D. E. Gibbons, Sussex, N. B.

Died of wounds—H. L. Bradley, Hartland, N. B.; J. B. Boyle, Waasis, Sunbury, N. B.; J. J. Howe, St. John.

Wounded—L. H. Clarke, Rothesay.

Mounted Rifles.

Wounded—J. A. Goodwin, Bay Verte; J. J. Frilotte, Archibald Settlement, N. B.; E. R. Joyce, St. John, N. B.

Wounded—G. W. Banks, Durham Bridge, N. B.; J. A. Little, Amherst, N. S.; A. Starr, Oromocto, N. B.; J. Orr, Moncton, N. B.; P. A. Booth, Sussex, N. B.; J. E. Kearman, St. Marys, N. B.

Engineers.
 Missing, believed dead—Capt. M. N. McPhee, Heatherdale, P. E. I.

Artillery.
 Wounded—F. H. Ledford, St. John. Died of wounds—T. Robichaud, Bathurst, N. B.

Exempts Drafted By the Germans

Amsterdam, April 26.—A Berlin official announcement received here says that the German War Office has ordered a great number of exempts to be drafted for field service. They will be replaced in the war industries by women and those liable for the national auxiliary service.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather, of St. John, is in the city.
 Mr. C. C. Belding, of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen.
 Mr. W. A. Will, of Montreal, is at the Queen.
 Mr. Hugh A. Connell, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

BRITISH WAR MISSION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING

First Conference With the American and French Representatives Will Open Tomorrow---Commissioners Are Kept Very Busy.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The British War Mission, headed by Foreign Minister Balfour, held preliminary meetings today with the government officials in preparation for the joint conferences among the American, British and French representatives, who begin tomorrow. The heads of the French war mission to the United States, who arrived yesterday, arranged to call formally on President Wilson today to pay their respects. This was the principal event of a programme calling for strenuous activity today on the part of the distinguished visitors preliminary to the beginning of formal conferences.

The day's programme included a call of courtesy on Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of War Baker, and upon Secretary of the Navy Daniels. An auto trip to the principal points of interest was scheduled for this afternoon. Meantime subordinate members of the committee planned to hold preliminary conferences with American naval, military and financial representatives. The day's activities were to be brought to a close with a dinner at the White House by President Wilson to the members of the French commission.

Mr. Root for Russia.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, after conferences early today with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the American committee to Russia.

GERMANS ON WESTERN FRONT ARE IN FOR A SEVERE HAMMERING

General Haig's Plans Are Developing Excellently---Believed That the Huns Have Shot Their Bolt---Two Thirds Of Reserves Used Up.

LONDON, April 26.—Far greater battles than those raging in the Arras region are impending in the immediate future.

This statement is heard from many reliable sources today, when the question arises whether the British have reached the climax of their artillery work. Field Marshal Haig's plans apparently are developing excellently and he is forcing Von Hindenburg to do just what the British anticipated.

They knew he would wait until he thought the Allies had reached the highest point of efficiency and then throw in enormous masses of reserves to catch them on the down grade.

Reports indicate that the Germans already have used two-thirds of their reserve forces without gaining a single objective. At this rate their force will be spent in futile counter attacks before the Allies reach the mightiest force of their arms.

The British have already a wide front on which to deploy, and this soon will be extended. There is not a single officer in London who believes that the affairs on the Arras front will take a dramatic course, but all are assured that the British are going to give the enemy the worst hammering ever delivered an army.

A LULL IN THE FIGHTING TO THE EAST OF ARRAS

Overcast Skies Have Given German Airmen Some Relief from British Airmen, Who Have Recently Downed Nearly One Hundred Hun Airplanes.

(From a staff correspondent of Associated Press.)
 British Headquarters in France, April 26, (via London).—There has been a comparative lull in the fighting east of Arras in the past 24 hours, the German counter attacks in their efforts to retake positions captured by the British in Monday's push having worn themselves out. After each of these attacking waves had been thrown back, the British managed to creep forward still further. Heavily overcast skies, giving the German airmen a brief respite from British aerial attacks, has enabled them to make efforts to reorganize their badly damaged squadrons, for in four days fighting the British have accounted for nearly 100 enemy machines.

British airmen are praying for a renewal of clear weather, as their worrying tactics had provoked the Germans into heavy fighting, but clouds gathered yesterday, and today also the skies were overcast. In consequent the airplane hunt was restricted.

HUNS TRYING HARD TO CHECK ONWARD RUSH OF BRITISH

LONDON, April 26.—Telegraphing today from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent says:

"The Germans are still hurrying up fresh reserves to press their counter-attacks. They are fighting a great delaying battle, although not now standing upon any well prepared system of defences, and can only hope to check our advance by using up great masses of troops whose breasts have taken the place of parapets. This policy must result in greatly accelerating the process of exhaustion, and if continued long the situation will resolve itself into the simple problem of which side can longest maintain the deadly pace.

"Prisoners declare that the German army is now being drained at a rate which brings collapse within a short time.