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THE ENTIRE GERMAN LINE IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN PERIL

Surrender of Bullecourt is Momentarily Expected

Hard Fighting Australians Now Have the German Stronghold Surrounded---The Enemy's Grip on the Coal Mines at Lens May Soon be Broken.

The great human nippers which General Haig has forged around the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line are steadily closing, and the rolling up of this important section of the German defences appears to be a matter of a few days. The Drocourt-Queant line is the hastily improvised barrier thrown up by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to protect Cambrai and Douai after the more famous line, named in honor of himself, had been smashed by the British.

The bitter resistance offered by the Germans to the British advance has centred in their defence of Bullecourt, two and a half miles west of Queant. To the south the British have forged well beyond Queant, but have been forced to mark time until Bullecourt falls. The capture of the village was entrusted to the Australians, and these hard-fighting colonials have almost surrounded the German stronghold so that its surrender or extinction is something that is expected momentarily.

The Drocourt-Queant line forms a broad salient in the British front, 18 miles at its top and paralleling the Douai-Cambrai line. Drocourt is seven miles from Douai and Queant about ten miles from Cambrai. The crushing in of this salient will mean that the German grip on the great Lens coal region will be broken and the entire German line in northern France imperilled. There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the alternate sledge-hammer blows of the British and French beneath which their choicest troops are being steadily driven from position after position and constantly reduced by heavy losses.

News from the western front is not merely being suppressed in Berlin, but is being doctored for the consumption of German readers. Discrepancies between the German and the Allied official versions are apparently arousing suspicions. There is significance also in the fact that the German Emperor in the latest of his congratulatory telegrams, speaks of "serious and decisive time," instead of exulting over real or imaginary victories.

British Troops Made Successful Raids

During the Night Near Neuve Chappelle

LONDON, May 8.—"The enemy's artillery was active at intervals throughout the night at a number of places along our front, particularly in the sector between Fresnoy and Loos," says today's official statement. "Our artillery replied. We made successful raids during the night in the neighborhood of Neuve Chappelle and Faquissar. Our position northwest of Armentieres was raided yesterday evening by a small party of the enemy. After hand-to-hand fighting the enemy were driven off, leaving a few dead in our trenches. A few of our men are missing."

Rome Has Report That the Kaiser Recently

Had a Narrow Escape from Assassination

NEW YORK, May 8.—A news agency despatch from Rome published here this forenoon says:

Kaiser Wilhelm recently had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet, while motorng in Berlin, a Zurich despatch to the Corriere D'Italia asserted today. An unidentified man fired three shots at the Kaiser's car, two of them striking the tonneau and the third going wild. He was arrested.

The despatch adds the police were silent on the incident.

THAT COMING PEACE PROPOSAL.

COPENHAGEN, May 7 (via London, May 8).—There is still talk in Berlin, according to advices received here, that Germany will make new peace proposals this week. There is no definite basis apparent for the rumors, though the convocation of the Bundersrath committee on foreign affairs ephraps may be considered a confirmation of them.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT.

PARIS, May 8.—German counter-attacks near Vauxaillon and along the Chemin des Dames last night were repulsed by the French, the War Office announces. Violent artillery engagements occurred on the Vauxelere plateau and in the region of Craonne.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ARE ACQUITTED

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—Charges of murder against twenty of seventy-two men accused of first degree murder in connection with a gun fight in Everett, Washington, last November, when a boat load of Industrial Workers of the World, on a "free-speech" expedition, attempted to land, were dismissed yesterday at the request of the Prosecuting Attorney Black. Seven men were killed in the fight.

Canadian Troops Reach England

Ottawa, May 8.—It is officially announced through the chief censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England:

Battalions—141st Rainy River; 153rd Guelph; 174th Winnipeg Highlanders; 176th St. Catharines; 215th Brantford; 220th Toronto; 241st Windsor; 253rd Queen's University Highlanders. Drafts—R. C. D. Strathcona's Horse, Fort Garry Horse and Mounted Rifles, Field artillery from London, Guelph, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Woodstock.

Heavy and siege artillery, machine gunners and signallers, medical corps, Newfoundlanders and details.

Bread in London Goes up in Price

London, May 8.—The price of bread in London to day was boosted to ten cents for 24 ounce loaves and seven cents for the small size. The advance is due, according to local bakers, to the big jump in flour prices.

Premier Foster arrived from St. John this morning and is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. F. D. MacMann of Minto arrived in the city last night.

Mr. J. F. Doucet of Bathurst, is in the city.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING OF HOUSE BEING COMPLETED

D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P., of Sunbury, to Move Address in Reply to Speech from the Throne, A. T. LeBlanc, M. P. P., of Restigouche, to Second—Post Office Discontinued.

Premier Foster, Attorney General Byrne, Hon. P. J. Veniot and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale are in the city, and the other members of the Provincial Government are expected to arrive to-night, when the executive will meet.

The new directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway will probably be appointed at this session of the Government.

It is announced today that the address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Mr. D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P., of Sunbury, and seconded by Mr. A. T. LeBlanc, of Restigouche.

The Governor Arrives.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor arrived from Sackville last night and has taken up his residence at Glen Isla House, Waterloo Row. Owing to illness, Mrs. Wood did not accompany him. As is customary, the State Dinner will be held Thursday night. At 4 o'clock that afternoon His Honor will hold a reception at the Queen Hotel.

The veteran clerk of the House of Assembly will not be able to attend to his duties at this session of the Legislature, on account of illness. Mr. G. Y. Dibblee, Clerk Assistant, will attend to the duties with Mr. G. Hudson Flewelling as assistant. Mr. Rainsford, who has been seriously ill, is able to be on the street today.

Post Office Discontinued.

The post office established under the former administration has been discontinued at the Queen.

Premier Takes Apartments.

Premier and Mrs. Foster have taken apartments at the Queen Hotel. Other members will be accompanied by their wives during the session. Among those who will be present will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Magee, of Port Elgin; Hon. E. A. Smith and wife and daughter, of Shediac; Dr. and Mrs. Hetherington, of Codys, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. King, of Chipman.

No announcement has been yet made concerning the election of a Speaker. Major C. J. Morgan, of St. John, will command the guard of honor, which will be furnished by the 236th Highland Battalion.

Mr. John W. Davidson of Rothesay, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. V. S. Reice of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

RALPH CONNOR TELLS AMERICANS THEY ARE NEEDED IN TRENCHES

Noted Canadian Author Talks to American Banker's Association---Millions of Americans Will be Needed, He Says, To win the War.

BRIARCLIFFE, N. Y., May 8.—Major Charles W. Gordan (Ralph Connor), of the 43rd Cameron Highlanders (Canadian) addressing the American Bankers' Association, declared that "millions of Americans, not millions of dollars," would be required to win the war. "We need Americans in the trenches and we need them now," he said in part. "I speak with a full heart to you, our allies. I know we are going to win, because I know that those who are now on our side cannot quit, and we will not quit while we have any fighting power left."

"Peace may be postponed for years. You know that Germany does not want peace, and when she says she wants the abandonment of war she means she wants the postponement of the war until circumstances are the most suitable to her. Germany will not abandon the war until she is completely overpowered." Her fighting force today, Major Gordon added, is greater than when she entered the war.

"Germany, if she fails, must abandon her most cherished dream, the dream of giving her kultur to all the races of the world," he asserted. "Germany wants to predominate all the nations of the earth."

U. S. TO LET CONTRACTS FOR SHIPS WITHOUT DELAY

The Government's Wooden Shipbuilding Programme is Already Definitely Under Way—Steel Shipbuilding Will Also Be Taken Up at Once.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of the great American fleet which is to overcome the submarine menace.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The administration's wooden shipbuilding programme, it was announced today, is definitely under way and the shipping board hopes within a few months to be turning out great numbers of vessels to run the German undersea blockade. Some buildings, without awaiting formal contracts, are proceeding on the assurance of the board that the ships will be taken over when completed.

"Contracts for dozens of the ships," Chairman Denman said today, "would be signed immediately on the appropriation by Congress of sufficient money to cover the programme. Now that the plans are under way and satisfactory progress is being made, the shipping board and General Goethals, in charge of construction, is turning to the stimulation of steel shipbuilding."

"Undoubtedly the stories of our abandoning the wooden shipbuilding programme arose from the fact that there is nothing more to say on wooden construction and we are talking of steel. The wooden programme will be carried out as originally planned."

BRITISH AIRMEN BRING DOWN GERMAN BALLOONS

LONDON, May 8.—Fighting continued yesterday in and around the village of Bullecourt, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today. A party of 300 Germans who succeeded in forcing their way through to the southwest corner of the village were held up and punished heavily.

The British airmen had a good day, bringing down seven large German observation balloons, three of them in flames, and considerably restricting the enemy's means of observing our movements. The weather today is mild, with a much needed rain falling.