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THE BRITISH ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THEIR NEW OFFENSIVE

British Begin an Attack Near the Scarpe River

Operations Are Being Carried on Over a Wide Front---Satisfactory Progress Being Made---Turkey Breaks off Diplomatic Relations With the United States.

LONDON, April 23.—The British have opened an attack on a wide front in the region of the Scarpe river. The official report issued today says that the battle is proceeding and that satisfactory progress is being made.

The British completed the conquest of the village of Trescault and gained the greater part of Havrincourt woods. The statement follows:

"We attacked this morning on a wide front on both banks of the river Scarpe. Fighting is proceeding and our troops are making satisfactory progress. South of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we captured the remainder of the village of Trescault during the night and gained possession of the greater part of the Havrincourt wood."

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Official notification of the Turkish government breaking off diplomatic relations with the United States was received today by the State Department in a despatch from American Minister Stovall at Berne, Switzerland. No other information was supplied.

PARIS, April 23.—Heavy artillery fighting continues along the front of the French offensive, the War Office announces. East of Craonne the Germans, after a fierce bombardment, grouped detachments for an attack. The French guns replied effectively and prevented the attack.

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 23.—Baron Von Falkenhausen has been appointed governor general of Belgium in succession to General Von Bissing, who died several days ago.

Two German Destroyers Which Were Sunk In Battle Off Dover Were of the Latest Type

AMSTERDAM, April 23.—The Maandag Ochtensblad learns that both of the German destroyers which were sunk in the battle off Dover sailed from Zeebrugge and were of the newest type, with four funnels apiece.

Two other destroyers were heavily damaged, and numerous wounded sailors were brought to Bruges on Saturday.

A squadron of eight vessels is said to have left Zeebrugge about 7 o'clock on Friday night. The greatest activity was apparent along the Belgian base yesterday and today searchlights were being worked vigorously and rockets were going up at frequent intervals.

Chinese Indignant Over Action of Huns in Delaying the Departure of Their Minister

PEKIN, April 23.—The war sentiment in China is increasing daily. The Chinese are incensed over the action of Germany in delaying the Chinese minister in Berlin pending the safe arrival of Von Hintz, German minister to Pekin.

There is also great indignation over the detention of Chinese students in Berlin and Munich. The military governors will hold their first war conference in Pekin on April 25. The majority of the governors and parliament favor war, but they differ over the attitude China should adopt toward the Entente. The indications are that China will declare war independently.

International Red Cross Protests Against The Torpedoing of British Hospital Ships

GENEVA, April 23 (via Paris).—The International Committee of the Red Cross has sent an energetic protest to the German government against the torpedoing of English hospital ships, especially against the sinking of the Asturias.

The committee declares that it agrees to Germany's right to halt and investigate ships that may appear suspicious, but it denies that a ship may be destroyed under any circumstances without warning.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Experts of the Bureau of Mines are designing an apparatus to combat noxious gases, which it is declared promises to be superior to any now in use on the European battlefields. Details of the invention, however, are being withheld for obvious reasons.

New Ministers Are Unopposed

When It Came to a Show Down the Die Hard Government Were Not There With the Goods.

Nominations for the five by-elections to fill vacancies caused by the acceptance of portfolios by members of the new provincial government and the resignation of Mr. James Burgess, of Victoria, in order to provide a seat for Premier Foster, took place today, and all were returned unopposed.

There had been some talk of bringing out opposition to Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale in Victoria, but a fine tooth comb hunt by Mr. B. F. Smith failed to find anybody willing to make the sacrifice. In Victoria the nomination proceedings took place in the court house at Andover, and Sheriff Tibbits declared Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale duly elected. The candidates afterwards briefly addressed the electors.

Nin Gloucester the candidates returned were Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney General, and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, was re-elected in Westmorland and Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, in Northumberland.

All the members of the government will be here this week to prepare for the session which opens on May 10th.

WHY I TRADE AT HOME.

Because the city is largely made by trade. What helps the city helps me. Because I want to see and compare and personally select the things I buy. Because I live in this town. It supports me and I wish in every fair way to help support it. Because the delivery, credit and other store service given by local concerns deserve my patronage.

THE BRITISH WREST TWO VILLAGES FROM THE HUNS

Gavrelle and Guemappe fell Into Their Hands Along With 500 Prisoners--Turks Evacuate an Important Position in Mesopotamia.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 23.—In the new offensive the British have captured the town of Gavrelle, the last part of the defences of the Hindenburg line north of the Scarpe. They have also taken the village of Guemappe, south of the Scarpe. More than 500 prisoners have been taken.

The Mesopotamia Campaign.

London, April 23.—The Turks in Mesopotamia have evacuated the Istabilat position on the right bank of the Tigris, ten miles below Samara, the War Office announces. They are now being attacked at a point six miles nearer Samara.

German Transports Moving in Baltic.

London, April 23.—German transports have left Libau, on the Baltic, south of the Gulf of Riga, for an unknown destination, according to a Central News despatch from Petrograd. The Germans are preparing to attack the northern front, massing troops along the Dvinsk-Riga line.

To Remove to Edmundston.

Messrs. J. E. Sullivan and A. E. Quartermain are to remove to Edmundston shortly and go into business at that place. Premises already have been secured by them. Edmundston is expecting large additions to its population as great development is expected there as the result of the erection of the big pulp mills by Fraser Limited. It is stated that one hundred and fifty employees' cottages are to be erected during the coming summer. His Worship Mayor Mitchell returned from that town Saturday.

Late Mrs. Lucinda True.

Mrs. Lucinda True died at her home in Lincoln on Saturday at the age of 73. She was the widow of the late J. B. True. Death was due to heart failure. Four sons and two daughters survive. The sons are J. B. True and Herbert True, of Boston; Howard True of Lincoln, and Harvey True of this city. The daughters are Mrs. J. F. Williamson, of St. John, and Miss Hattie True, of Lincoln. The funeral took place this afternoon, Rev. Mr. Corey conducting the service. Interment was made at Lincoln.

THE U. S. WILL HAVE CONSCRIPTION ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

A Majority of the Committee Made a Recommendation to That Effect---The Nation to Honor Mr. Balfour And Party.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The administration bill to create a big war army by selective draft was under debate in both houses of Congress today. It was taken up in the House for the first time, and in the Senate debate was resumed.

The House bill as reported by a majority of the committee provided for volunteer enlistment with conscription only as a last resort.

Calls of courtesy filled part of the programme today of Foreign Minister Balfour and other distinguished members of the British commission who arrived here yesterday to confer with American officials on the nations' joint task of beating Germany. Tomorrow also the visitors will be entertained with all the honor the nation can show to guests of such high rank on a mission of such tremendous significance, and then will come a series of official conferences for the exchange of each country's views as to their part in the world war.

Mr. Balfour Will Make Formal Calls on President Wilson and Secretary Lansing

Mr. Balfour today arranged to drive from the big Sixteenth street mansion which has been placed at his disposal, to the State Department, to call formally on Secretary Lansing. Then the two will go across the street to the White House to allow Mr. Balfour to greet President Wilson, and later the foreign minister is expected to go to the Capitol to call on Vice-President Marshall. Lunch is to be taken with the French ambassador J. J. Jusserand, and dinner this evening with the President.

HUNS ARE USING TORCHES IN MINING TOWN OF LENS

Are Holding on With the Object of Completing Its Destruction—Ruin and Desolation Everywhere in the Souchez Valley Between Lorette Ridge and Vimy Ridge.

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, April 23.—The burning of Lens by the enemy is a most thorough and systematic process. Beginning in the southern end of the town, incendiaries yesterday extended operations to the northern district. Simultaneously Avion and other centres of the mining district adjoining Lens are being destroyed with all the appliances of the enemy. Where he has been driven out and can no longer apply the torch, he never neglects even our working parties to make targets of the overhead plant of mines and the houses of miners. A trip up the Souchez valley today through the mining region furnished evidence that the enemy is hanging on solely for the purpose of completing his destruction.

NARROW VALLEY BETWEEN LORETTE RIDGE AND VIMY RIDGE DESCRIBED AS A CHARNAL HOUSE

Everywhere in the valley are ruin and desolation, some of it caused by our guns before the taking of Vimy Ridge, but much of it by the enemy. In his hurried flight he left many unburied dead, and many others hastily interred whose bodies have been again brought to view by German shells.

The narrow valley between Lorette Ridge and Vimy Ridge is a charnal-house of the bodies of thousands of both sides who died during the great French offensive of 1915. Once more the tide of war has swept up the valley and added horror to horror. Nowhere is the utter wreck made by the long continued bombardment of heavy guns so apparent as at Souchez, which is itself crumbling in heaps of unrecognizable rubbish.