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CANADIAN TROOPS VIGOROUSLY SHELLED THE GERMAN TRENCHES

Light and Heavy Guns Poured Shells Into Communication Trenches Without Developing a Hostile Attack---Splendid Work by Detached Units.

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Corr. in Flanders.)

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 5.—For forty minutes last night our light and heavy guns poured shells into the enemy front communication lines, assembly areas, etc., but no hostile attack developed. The situation continues quiet along the Vimy-Arras front. Numerous daring day and night reconnaissances have been carried out by our patrols, with repeated clashes with hostile parties.

The hostile artillery activity has been slightly above normal with their fire directed particularly against our positions on the ridge and before Lievin, where the enemy carried out a ten minute concentrated gas bombardment yesterday afternoon. The deadly effects of our own gas projector bombardment of last week and a fortnight ago are confirmed by captured prisoners. Throughout the force there is enthusiastic appreciation of the splendid work of the Canadian motor machine gunners, cavalry and other detached units, which have done so gallantly in the great battles to the south.

GERMANS WENT INTO BATTLE LIKE A FLOCK OF SHEEP, SAYS WOUNDED BRITISH TOMMY

LONDON, April 5.—A wounded corporal in hospital here says: "When the Germans had come out towards our line their first wave was led by an officer on horseback. He was a brave man to expose himself in this way, to give confidence to his men. He did not live long. We had splendid targets to shoot at, and we got heaps of 'em; you couldn't miss 'em, they came on so thick—in droves. They were like a flock of sheep, so thickly massed that every bullet we fired must have found a billet. You should have heard us singing when we got together on the march. We forgot all our troubles for a sell. How the boys let it go. 'Down Texas Way' was one they liked, but the good old 'contemptible' song was there, that old song 'Tipperary'—that old song reminds the Germans maybe of the men who barred the way to Calais. Our officers say as well; but we felt downhearted at times, for our colonel was killed."

AUSTRIA REPORTED TO BE ON THE EVE OF ANOTHER GRAVE CRISIS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

GENEVA, April 5.—Reports which find wide credence here indicate that Austria-Hungary is on the even of another of those grave internal crises which in recent months have successively weakened the dual monarchy. The food situation as depicted by the Arbeiter Zeitung, and as represented by several witnesses, has now reached an unbearable point. In spite of commandeering foodstuffs from odd corners of occupied territories, no real relief is possible until the next harvest. Well informed circles are asking "Can Austria survive the four months?"

ACTOR SHOT IN MONTREAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, April 5.—With a bullet in his left breast about an inch from the heart, Rene Charlebois, 30 years of age, an actor, was taken to the general hospital from his boarding house today. His condition is not regarded as serious.

Mary Stremow, a young woman residing in the same house, who admits she shot Charlebois, but says the affair was accidental, is being held by the police until tomorrow, when the wounded man may be able to make a statement.

Fire This Morning.
A slight fire broke out on the roof of the house occupied by Mr. John H. Garner on Church street this morning. An alarm was sent in from box 53 and the firemen were soon on the scene. The blaze was soon extinguished by the use of three chemicals. The fire is thought to have caught from sparks from the chimney which resulted in the damage of about three square yards of the roof.

Actor Known Here
Barry O'Neill, who was here with W. S. Harkins some years ago as stage manager and playing parts, died a few days ago. For some years past he had been connected with moving picture companies and was considered one of the best directors in the business, receiving a salary of \$25,000 a year. He also played in some prominent photoplays.

YOUNG AIRMAN MET DEATH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Fort Worth, Texas, April 5.—Cadet T. J. Jennings, of the Royal Flying Corps, whose airplane crashed to the ground near Benbrook field here last Tuesday, died yesterday. He was 29 years of age and his home was in Toronto. Jennings was making a solo flight when he lost control of his machine.

PREDICTS A GRAIN FAMINE

Winnipeg, April 5.—D. A. Ross, M. L. A. for St. Clements, who has just returned from the East, where he spent a month, visiting various cities, including Ottawa, in an interview this afternoon stated that he had been informed that, after July 1st, there would be no more grain for the flour mills and that it would be essential to put the country on rations.

GERMANY'S MISTAKE

Carbondale, Ills., April 5.—In an address here tonight William Howard Taft former president, declared the United States to be fighting "the German people led by William Hohenzollern," adding "that Germany has mistaken the devil for God."

INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE NOT SO LARGE

Comparative Statement by the Auditor General—Difference Does Not Represent the Actual Amount.

The Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly was in session this morning and made excellent progress. The committee adjourned till Tuesday when consideration of the detailed statement will be begun.

Comparative Statement.
The Auditor General, in compliance with a request made the day before, presented a comparative statement of ordinary expenditures in 1917 and 1916. With regard to these, the Auditor General explained that there was no record of the bills payable at the close of 1916. Taking that sum, the statement would be as follows:

| | 1917 | 1916 |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Comparative statement of cash expenditure, including bills payable at close of year for the years 1916 and 1917, and not including Valley Railway bonds, debenture stock, interest or accounts, | \$1,795,388.31 | 1,568,983.96 |

Difference \$ 226,404.35
The Auditor General, in response to Mr. Smith stated that it would take a month to prepare a real statement, showing the difference. Under the new Audit Act the system would be changed, and it would be possible to get at a definite statement at any time.

Continuing the Auditor General said that the difference of \$226,404.35 which he had given in his comparative statement, did not represent any actual balance or deficit.

Mr. King pointed out that the increase was largely made up in increases in ordinary expenditure on roads and bridges, grants to hospitals and new heating plants at the Provincial Hospital and Legislative Buildings.

Mr. Magee (chairman) said that to obtain the real difference in expenditure a large amount would have to be deducted from the apparent difference given by the Auditor General, which would make the real increase considerably under \$50,000. The statement of the Auditor General, however, indicated that the difference in expenditure was not as great as his friends of the Opposition would have the public think.

Successful Concert.

At the Baptist Church in Devon last evening the young people of that congregation held their annual Easter concert, which was very interesting and very much enjoyed by those present. Much credit is due Mrs. Arthur Ferris, who trained the children, and Miss Louise Allen, the organist.

Mr. F. G. Spencer of St. John is in the city.

GERMANS ATTACK BRITISH FORCES SOUTH OF ALBERT

Were Repulsed with Heavy Losses Except at One Point--The French Hold Line Against Fierce Attacks.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 5.—The Germans this morning attacked the British on a wide front from Dernancourt, a few miles south of Albert, to Moyenneville, north of the Somme, according to a statement published by the Evening Standard. The chief points of attack, the newspaper says, were Dernancourt, Meln, Beaumont-Hamel, Briegury and Moyenneville. The Germans were repulsed with heavy losses except at Dernancourt, where they made a slight gain. There has been no attack south of the Somme so far today.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, April 5.—German forces continued their attacks during the night, says the official statement issued today by the War Office. Despite the superiority of the German effectives, which, the statement adds, were spent recklessly, the Teutons were unable to reach their objective, which was the railway from Amiens to Clement. The French regiments, by their resistance and counter-attacks, maintained the line in entirety. The French troops conquered the greater part of Epinet wood, north of the town of Orvillers-Sorel. All German efforts to dislodge the Frenchmen were in vain.

The French captured St. Aignan Farm, southwest of Grivesnes, and held it against all assaults. In the north the French withdrew their positions to the west of Castel. They threw back the Germans from Arriercourt wood, west of Mailly-Ramstail.

AN APOLOGY BY THE KAISER.

LONDON, April 5.—The Exchange Telegraph Corporation at Amsterdam reports the German newspapers as announcing that Emperor William has sent a personal letter to the president of the Swiss Confederation, apologizing for the killing of the ambassador of the Swiss legation in Paris during the bombardment of Good Friday.

British Line Pressed Back Slightly East of Amiens

DR. C. G. HEWITT, OF OTTAWA, GAVE FINE LECTURE

A very interesting and educative meeting was held Wednesday night in the Knights of Pythias Hall under the auspices of the Fredericton Science Club. Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist and Consulting Zoologist, was the speaker of the evening and gave an illustrated address on a subject of outstanding national importance at the present time, viz, "Wild Life and Its Conservation."

Dr. Hewitt reviewed in detail the distribution of the wild life throughout Canada, and mentioned several species of wild life which have been completely exterminated, and pointed out that a species once exterminated can never be replaced. He explained the great recreative, economic and educative value of our wild life in Canada generally, and of our big game in New Brunswick, which although better protected at present than in the past could be made much more adequate by the non-political appointments of efficient protectors.

He also took up the question of birds and explained their great economic value, especially the insectivorous birds, which are such important factors in the control of insect pests. He pointed out that more time should be spent in teaching school children the value of our bird life.

Dr. Hewitt expressed a wish that the public take a greater interest in the protection of our wild life, and suggested that if game protective associations were formed they could do a great deal to assist the government in preventing the destruction of the wild life of Canada.

As principles underlying conservation, Dr. Hewitt pointed out that protection during the breeding season and the establishment of game reserves were the most important. He stated that several game reserves were already found in middle and western Canada, and that New Brunswick is seriously considering the subject at the present time.

Theatrical Delegation.

A theatrical delegation composed of Messrs. F. G. Spencer and W. C. McKay of St. John, and Mr. F. W. Minter of Moncton, appeared before the Provincial Government yesterday and protested against the proposal to place a provincial tax on admission tickets for places of amusement.

Enlisted in 65th Battery.

Gunner Ralph Boyd, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Boyd, of this city, is home on a five day pass. Mr. Boyd was formerly on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of this city, and later with the bank's branch at Charlottetown, P. E. I. He enlisted a few days ago with the 65th Battery at Woodstock, and will return to his unit on Monday next.

German Troops Concentrated Near Albert Raked by Artillery Fire---Savage Attacks on British Positions Between the Luce and the Somme Rivers.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 5.—The British have been pressed back a short distance on the front east of Amiens, to positions east of Villers-Brettonneux, the War Office announces. The Germans hurled large bodies of troops against the British between the Luce and Somme rivers, making repeated assaults. For the most part the enemy was thrown back with great losses.

The Germans concentrated troops early this morning near Albert, the War Office announces. British artillery took them under its fire. In the neighborhood of Bucquoy and in the Scarpe valley there was active artillery fighting during the night.

ENEMY ATTACK BETWEEN THE LUCE AND THE SOMME RIVERS WERE BEATEN OFF WITH LOSSES

The official statement is as follows:

"Between the Luce river and the Somme heavy fighting continued yesterday during the afternoon and evening till a late hour. The enemy employed strong forces and delivered repeated assaults on our positions. These attacks were beaten off with losses to the enemy, but our troops were pressed back a short distance to positions east of Villers-Brettonneux, about nine miles east of Amiens, which they now maintain.

"North of the Somme the enemy's artillery has been active during the night in the neighborhood of Bucquoy, and in the Scarpe valley."

GERMANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT ARE NOW BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA

PARIS, April 4.—General Berthaut, in the Petit Journal, asserts in effect that the Germans are at present between the devil and the deep sea and cannot stop where they are. He argues that they must force their advance further or fall back to the much better positions which they held at the start of the present offensive. If the offensive were really ended, General Berthaut adds, he would expect to see the Germans fall back without any pressure from the Allies.

He believes, however, that under no circumstances will the Germans make such a decision without first exhausting all the possibilities of renewing their offensive. He states that the Germans are known to be bringing forward their heavy guns.

Much Air Fighting.

LONDON, April 5.—Describing the air fighting on the western front, the correspondent of the Daily News says that never before in any army have airplanes been used in such great concentration. On one sector of the battlefield as many as three hundred machines were in the air at one time. The use of machine guns on enemy troops, guns and transports by low-lying machines, he adds, has been carried to a point far beyond anything in previous experience.

FORTY-SIX ALLEGED RIOTERS RELEASED AT QUEBEC TODAY

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

QUEBEC, April 5.—Forty-six men held by the military for rioting here last Monday, were released this morning after they had been examined by Military Service Act doctors and found to be unfit for duty. By the release of these men the last possible danger of a renewal of rioting, it is believed by the civil and military officials, has been removed. Yesterday several of the men engaged counsel to procure writs of habeas corpus for them. At one time it looked as if there would be a clash between civil and military authority, but this was averted by the discharge of the men today. Eleven men against whom the military have laid serious charges have been turned over to the Attorney General for prosecution and will have their preliminary trial this afternoon.

U.S. WAR SECY MADE LASTING IMPRESSION

London, April 5.—The recent visit of Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of war, the Daily Mail says, was a historic one and will leave a lasting impression on Anglo-Franco-American relations, as it was then decided that American regiments should be brigaded with British and French troops on the western front.

Premier Lloyd George, it says, acquainted Mr. Baker with the situation and expressed the desire of the British government for the immediate employment of the American forces. Secretary Baker was much impressed and went to France the next day and saw General Pershing.

MARYSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION

Marysville, April 5.—The newly elected Town Council held a committee meeting Wednesday evening for the purpose of selecting the different committees and outlining the work for the ensuing year. All the members were present and His Worship Mayor Stafford occupied the chair. The first regular meeting of the board will be held next Tuesday evening.

Capt. Thos. Kirkey's team won from Capt. F. R. Dunbar and Capt. Edmund Downing won from Capt. Dolphin at the Dawson Club Bowling Alleys Wednesday evening.

Mrs. W. J. Kelly and little daughter Margaret have left on a visit to relatives at Durham Bridge.