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## THE FLANDERS FRONT THE SCENE OF VERY BITTER FIGHTING

### The Huns Have Been Flinging a Great Number of Troops Against the Allied Lines---Counter Drives Have Been Attended With Much Success.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, April 29.—This has been one of the bitterest days of fighting that the Flanders battleground has experienced since the present offensive began.

Since early morning Von Arnim has been flinging great numbers of German troops against the Allied lines between Zillebeke Lake and Bailleul, with the hills east of Mont Kemmel as their objectives.

At the same time a secondary thrust has been made at the Belgians in the Region of the Yser, north of Ypres. When the correspondent left the battle front shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon, the German commander had nothing to show for his pretentious drive but a long list of dead and wounded.

#### THE BRITISH, THOUGH GREATLY OUTNUMBERED, HELD THE VAST GERMAN HOSTS IN CHECK

Along the major portion of the front his troops have been held, but where they succeeded by sheer weight of numbers in pushing forward they were soon ejected by counter drives.

The Allied line was intact throughout the fighting. The Germans pushed on between Scherpenberg and Monterouge. Counter attacks by the French, however, gradually pushed the dogged Germans back until Loere had been regained and the whole line re-established.

Meantime the British were holding with traditional valor and not an inch did they allow the hard-pushing enemy, in spite of the fact that the defenders were greatly outnumbered.

#### THE ENEMY DRIVEN OUT BY BELGIAN TROOPS AFTER SOME ADVANCED POSTS HAD BEEN TAKEN

One regiment which was holding a position astride Kemmel-Layette road, had repulsed four fierce attacks up to the time that the correspondent left the front. In and around Vornezeele the fighting continued at latest reports. The Germans made strenuous efforts to capture the place, but the British clung tenaciously to their positions and the best the enemy could claim was a footing in the hamlet.

On the Belgian front fortune was also with the defenders, for the Belgians in a spirited counter-attack drove the enemy back after the latter had pushed in and secured a few advanced posts. The hills were being continuously bombed and Ypres was smothered with gas. The German casualties were exceedingly heavy. The fighting was continuing at latest reports.

#### CANADIAN OFFICER NOW IN NEW YORK SAYS ALLIES HAVE A BIG SURPRISE FOR THE HUNS

NEW YORK, April 30.—The loss of Mont Kemmel, according to Major M. P. Chaballe, of the 22nd Canadian Battalion, who arrived today at an Atlantic port by a French steamer, does not mean disaster to the Allies.

Major Chaballe, who has been three years on the French battle front, and has been several times stationed at Mont Kemmel, said it was indisputably an important hill, commanding the heights around Ypres, but that the Allies could lose it and even Amiens without endangering the Allies.

An immense reserve force, the major said, was waiting to give a big surprise to the Huns.

## PRISONERS IN RUSSIA PREPARE REVOLUTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Moscow, Saturday, April 27. (By the Associated Press)—A congress of war prisoners, representing all nationalities of the central empire, has been in session for the last few days. There are several hundred members, all internationalists, whose aim is preparation for a social revolution in western Europe and the establishment of a Soviet republic.

#### CARDINAL BEGIN'S CONDITION.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, April 30.—Cardinal Begin was resting quite comfortably this morning after a rather uneasy night. His physician, Dr. R. Turcot, spent the night at his eminence's bedside, and today said the Cardinal's condition was not immediately disquieting. The advanced age of Cardinal Begin, however, gives a serious turn to the otherwise ordinary ailment.

## AGREEMENT WITH HOLLAND NOT CONFIRMED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, April 30.—Germany demands from Holland, says the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, the right to send war material over the Limburg railway to Antwerp, the right to send foodstuffs for shipment from Antwerp, and the renewal of treaties relating to the importation of sand and gravel. "As Holland," the newspaper adds, "recently yielded to Anglo-American pressure, she must grant these conditions to redress the balance."

From the above it is apparent that Holland and Germany have not yet reached an agreement concerning the transport through Holland. A despatch from the Hague to the London Daily Mail on Monday reported that Holland had yielded to Germany's demands concerning transportation of the supply of sand and gravel. It was added that it was understood that the amount of sand and gravel would be limited and would be for non-military purposes only. There has been no official co-operation of the agreement.

## CANADA WILL GO AHEAD WITH WAR EFFORTS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Bowmanville, Ont., Apr. 29.—"You have placed this government in power to prosecute this war and see that Canada does her duty, and we are going to carry out our mandate. We are going to throw Canada's power into the struggle to help preserve our homes and liberty and secure a just and lasting peace."

Speaking to a large audience, chiefly made up of farmers, Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council tonight made it evident that the government is determined to go ahead with its man power proposals, no matter what opposition may be developed. Mr. Rowell came to the meeting from a conference with farmers from all parts of the county of Durham, which was strongly opposed to the wiping out of exemptions to young farmers. The minister promised to lay the view of the meeting before the prime minister but he made no promises, and in his address later he made declaration that important as food production is today, it is not so important as man power, and that farmers' sons must join the colors. No other interpretation could be placed on Mr. Rowell's statement. The only concession the farming country is to have, apparently, is that young fellows of 20, 21 and 22 in the cities will be called first. Hon. Mr. Rowell expressed the belief that the young farmers subject to the call will not be ordered to report until seeding is over.

## GOVT'S POSITION ON WAR BONDS EXPLAINED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Apr. 29.—A government return tabled in the Commons today at the request of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, covers all the correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial governments in regard to the order-in-council passed at Ottawa in December last, limiting the sale of bonds by provinces and municipalities to the minister of finance. The matter already has been discussed in the Commons this session when the position of the Dominion government was explained and emphasized by Hon. A. K. MacLean and Sir Robert Borden.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE WAS DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE

### The Subject Provoked a Heated Discussion Between Senators Cloran and McMeans ---N. B. Senator Opposes the Bill.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, April 29.—At its evening sitting the Senate took up the government's measure to extend the franchise to women, Sir James Loughheed leading off for the bill in a brief introduction. Senator Power opposed the bill on the ground that it constituted an interference with provincial rights, and moved an amendment to the effect that the matter of preparation of voters' lists be left to the provinces.

Senator Cloran said the legislation proposed by the government was not calculated to advance the interests of either women or the nation. Incidentally he remarked that at the last election women "with no more capacity than children to vote intelligently," were led to vote for union government by the promise of furloughs for their soldier husbands and relatives, and of increased separation allowances.

#### DEFENDED THE WOMEN.

This accusation brought a sharp rejoinder from Senator McMeans, who declared that Senator Cloran had offered gratuitous insult "to the noble women who had given their all to the Empire in this mighty struggle."

Senator Cloran, jumping to his feet, indignantly declared that Senator McMeans' charge was untrue.

There were shouts of "order" and for a moment the chamber was in a tumult. Finally, making himself heard, Senator Cloran said that Senator McMeans had better withdraw "or take what was coming to him."

This drew from Senator McMeans the retort that if Senator Cloran was as ready as he (McMeans) was to take what was coming to him, they could be easily satisfied. Senator McMeans added that what he had wished to emphasize was that what Cloran had said was untrue.

Senator Cloran observed that this expression was more parliamentary, and the matter was over.

Senator Poirier did not favor women getting the Franchise.

Senator Dandurand favored the franchise for women, because he believed they were just as well qualified as men.

## French Troops Drove Huns From the Village of Loere

### PLANE FLEW 2 HOURS WITH AIRMEN DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, April 29.—Confirming a remarkable story cabled by Perry Robinson which referred to a flight of an aeroplane for two hours after both its occupants were killed, the Standard prints the following interview with well known flying officers just returned from Arras:

A Bristol fighter, which is a two-seater with guns fore and aft, took off at 1.30 p. m. Wind conditions were almost negligible, making very good flying weather. British airmen estimated its altitude at 3,500 feet when they would be running at eighty miles or thereabouts, and encountered a German albatross. They at once attacked. A lot of manoeuvring followed and three other machines, two of them German, came into action. The Bristol machine hung on to its quarry and eventually got it well under its nose, the Germans' crashing down.

Immediately our machine made a sweep south. It had lost the height for manoeuvring and was rocking badly as it got out of control, but kept steadily on until lost to view.

A little before 4 o'clock the machine, which was easily identified, fell crashing to earth nearly twenty miles west of Arras. On examination both occupants were found to be dead, obviously from bullet wounds which struck them from the back and must have proved fatal.

The injuries they received in coming down certainly did not cause their death. The tank of the machine was found to be empty. There is no doubt the two men were shot immediately after the German Albatross fell.

The Bristol machine, which is the best and most perfectly controlled fighting machine known, of its own volition kept on a fairly even keel to a distance of possibly ten miles below a point where the battle took place.

Then for some reason unknown the controls shifted and the machine circled, covering a distance of 160 miles before the petrol gave out.

Upwards of two hours the two dead men were in the air before the final crash to earth.

#### New Mill on River.

A new sawmill has been put up and is now in operation at the wharf, Upper Jemseg. It is operated by the Jemseg Milling Company. The mill is finely equipped and has started out under most prosperous conditions. This company was incorporated a few months ago.

## The Enemy Repulsed All Along Northern Battlefront Says British War Office Report---Heavy Artillery Fighting Reported North of the Avre.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 30.—The French now hold the entire village of Loere, west of Kemmel, says the official statement of the War Office today, which reads as follows:

"Successful counter attacks carried out by French troops yesterday afternoon and evening drove the enemy from the remainder of the ground gained by him during the morning in the neighborhood of Loere, and secured a number of prisoners. The whole of the village is in the hands of the Allies."

"After the heavy repulse inflicted on the enemy yesterday the night passed comparatively quietly on the northern battlefront. We advanced our line slightly during the night east of Villers-Bretonneux. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides in certain sectors."

#### AN ARTILLERY BATTLE RAGED WITH GREAT VIOLENCE ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE OISE

PARIS, April 30.—The long range bombardment of the region of Paris was resumed this morning. Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night north and south of the Avre, in the sector of Noyon and on the south bank of the Oise. French patrols were active along all this front, and brought back fifteen prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) and in Upper Alsace German detachments were repulsed by our fire, leaving prisoners in our hands without obtaining any result. There is nothing to report elsewhere on our front."

#### ENORMOUS LOSSES INFLICTED ON HUNS BY ALLIED GUNS MEANS DISASTROUS DEFEAT FOR ENEMY

LONDON, April 30.—The correspondents agree that the enemy has suffered nothing less than a disastrous defeat in the first phase of the battle consequent on their desperate attempts to capture the line of hills held by the Allies, which endanger their possession of Mont Kemmel. They have probably used thirteen divisions from the east of Ypres southward on the line of battle, with two more northward, and the violence of the gunfire was never greater or more unceasing at any period of the war. Our successful defence made the day the bloodiest yet experienced by the enemy, as attack after attack was repulsed by our artillery and rifle fire. The Germans suffered heavily on Sunday, when their concentrations of troops were caught and shattered by gun fire. Their waves yesterday were mowed down and the British wings and French centre were neither bent nor broken.

## EXEMPTION WANTED FOR MEN IN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY AT LEVIS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

QUEBEC, April 29.—George T. Davie, head of the Davie Shipbuilding Plant at Levis, Quebec, has left for Ottawa to appear before Chief Justice Duff in connection with the exemption of the eleven hundred-odd men employed in the shipbuilding industry at Levis. Mr. Davie claims that if shipbuilders are not exempted from military service he will have to close his yards, which would be a hard blow to the industry.

## MARITIME REGISTRARS APPOINTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, April 30.—The following registrars have been appointed for the Maritime province to take the man and woman power of all persons between the ages of 16 and 60 years: Kings County, P. E. I., William Cain, Newport, Prince, P. E. I., F. J. Wright, Summerside, Queens, P. E. I., H. Smith, Charlottetown.

Digby and Annapolis, N. S., W. R. Vanblarcom, Digby; Yarmouth and Clare, N. S., W. A. Godfrey, Yarmouth; Millville, Kings County, N. S., A. McNeill, Millville.

Charlottetown, N. B., Sheriff R. A. Stuart St. Andrews; Gloucester, N. B., Sheriff A. J. Meehan, Bathurst, N. B.; Kent, N. B., Sheriff C. Boudreau, Richibucto; Northumberland, N. B., Sheriff W. F. Cassidy Chatham; Restigouche and Madawaska, N. B., Sheriff Robinson, Dalhousie; Royal, N. B., Sheriff S. A. McLeod, Sussex; St. John City and Counties St. John and Albert, N. B., Sheriff A. A. Wilson, St. John; Victoria and Carleton, N. B., Sheriff A. R. Foster, Woodstock; Westmorland, Sheriff I. N. Killam, Dorchester; York and Sunbury, J. B. Hawthorne, Fredericton.

The registration boards states that it is desirable that all persons who are able to offer voluntary assistance

## WILL COMMIT ARSON FOR SMALL SUM

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, April 29.—The startling statement that there is in Ontario a gang who will commit arson for the small sum of \$200, was made on oath today by a deputy provincial fire marshal, George F. Lewis, during his examination by a commissioner appointed by the Ontario government to enquire into fire insurance rates and conditions.

Mr. Lewis also declared that the reason for so many cases of arson was over-insurance and the reason for over insurance was the fact that insurance agents were too numerous.

#### Grand Lake Opening.

The ice in Grand Lake is breaking up and it is expected that steamers will be able to go through within a few days. It was reported yesterday that the mass was moving slowly toward the main river.

to assistant deputy registrars on the day of registration should offer their services to the registrar for their electoral district. As registration day will probably be on a Saturday, it is hoped that school boards will offer to the registrars use of school buildings in which to take the registration.